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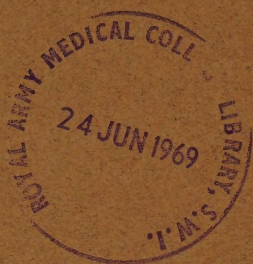
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ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FORTY-FIRST MEETING—21st SEPTEMBER 1905.

(MINUTES 468-504.)

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2. Mauritius, additional hospital accommodation, Curepipe.
3. Millbank Hospital, pattern of bedpans.
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5. Stretchers, Venesta, samples of.
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10. Netley, Royal Victoria Hospital, proposed reappropriation for day room for tubercle patients, dentists' room, &c.
11. Enamel for hospital bedsteads, trial of.
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14. Cairo and Khartoum, Hospital Services, B.A.E., 1905-6.
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16. Ceylon, Hospital Services, B.A.E., 1905-6.
17. Alton, Princess Louise Hospital, refund of expenditure on lawns.
18. South Africa, families' hospitals, equipment for Nursing Staff.
19. Velox steam disinfectors, report on trial of.
20. Port Royal, taking over Naval Hospital.
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22. Irish Command, bins and canisters for use in hospitals.
23. Falmouth, Sailors' Home, reception of acute military cases.
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27. Sierra Leone, ward for officers, Mount Aureol.
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29. Hong Kong, Bowen Road Hospital, reappropriations for R.A.M.C. Institute and Quartermaster's Store.
30. Aldershot and Alton Hospitals, annual reports by matrons, 1904.
31. Curragh Hospitals, report of Nursing Board.
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35. Urinals, new pattern (glass), report on.
36. Gibraltar, reappropriation for Nursing Sisters' quarters, report of Inspector General of the Forces on inspection of troops, &c., 1905.
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PRESENT:

Sir COOPER PERRY, M.D., *Chairman.*

Lieut.-Colonel E. A. MOULTON-BARRETT, C.M.G., A.D.E.O.S.

Major T. McCULLOCH, M.B., D.A.D.G., A.M.S.

Mr. E. T. GANN, *Secretary.*

Lieut.-Colonel RUSSELL, R.A.M.C., and Major E. H. HEMMING, R.E., were in attendance.

*Subjects.**Decisions.*

468. Aldershot, Connaught Hospital—Provision of an iron fence.
Aldershot 7/4.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

469. Mauritius—Additional Hospital Accommodation, Curepipe.
Mauritius 24/20/22.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

470. Millbank Hospital—Pattern of Bed-pans.
57/London/2980.

It was agreed that the present slipper pattern should be replaced by a circular one to the extent of 80 per cent., and that A.M.D.3 should be asked to submit a sample bed-pan for the Committee's approval. The new pattern to be introduced when the present supply of slipper bed-pans is exhausted.

471. Herbert Hospital—Linoleum for Dining Hall.
57/Woolwich/2590.

Proposed
~~Proposed~~ for the present, in view of other more urgent services.

472. Stretchers—Venesta, samples of.
84/V/709.

It was agreed that stretchers of this pattern should not be introduced into the Service, as they do not appear to present any material advantage over the present pattern.

473. Floor Polishers for use in Wards, funds for supply.
84/R/2764.

It was agreed that these polishers should be issued to hospitals at home in lieu of long scrubbing brushes, in the proportion of one for every ward of 10 beds and over, and one for every two wards of less than 10 beds.

Estimated cost to come out of the general item for Hospital Equipment (56*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*).

474. Fermoy—Families' Hospital, Equipment for Nursing Sisters' Quarters.
57/Fermoy/566.

Supply approved; cost chargeable to the general item for Equipment of Nursing Staff Quarters, and taken from the amount previously allotted to South Africa.

475. Nail Brush and Toilet Tray, patterns.
57/24/6099.

Agreed that the pattern proposed by A.M.D.3 should be introduced, but that the glass jar should be provided with a white metal instead of a brass top. A.M.D.3 to be asked to submit an estimate of requirements, and the cost to be chargeable to the general item for Hospital Equipment.

476. Alexandria Hospital Services, 1905/6—Provision of Wire Netting.
Egypt 7/2.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

477. Netley, Royal Victoria Hospital—Proposed reappropriation for Day Room for Tubercle Patients, Dentists' Room, &c.
Southern 16/36.

The Committee had no objection to offer to these proposals; it was noted that the proposed provision of an Army Temperance Room was not approved.

478. Enamel for Hospital Bedsteads—Trial of.
57/Salisbury/448.

It was recommended that all bedsteads (hospital) be enamelled white as they fall due for painting.

479. Malta—Tigne Barracks, reappropriation of Married Quarters as Medical Inspection Room.
Malta 16/2580.

From the Committee's point of view there is no objection to this reappropriation as a temporary measure, pending provision of a proper Medical Inspection Room.

480. Aldershot Isolation Hospital—Extension of Nurses' Home.
4808/7/1460.

The Committee noted the recommendation of the Nursing Board that quarters should be provided for 1 Head Nurse, 8 Nurses, and 4 Servants for domestic and ward service.

481. Cairo and Khartoum—Hospital Services, B.A.E., 1905/6.
Egypt 7/1.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

482. Netley and Herbert Hospitals—Scale of supply of Dressing Wagons.
57/Gen. No./6624.

Referred to the Equipment Sub-Committee.

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483. Ceylon Hospital Services, B.A.E., 1905/6.—
Electric Light Installation at Kandy, &c.
Ceylon 7/9 and 7/1.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

484. Alton, Princess Louise Hospital—Request
for Refund of Expenditure on Tennis Lawn.
Aldershot 7/2.

Refused.

485. South Africa—Families' Hospitals, Equip-
ment for Nursing Staff.
57/Cape/2174.

Having in view the decision to provide the Nursing Staff in Families' Hospitals with Quarters on the same scale as Q.A.I.M.N.S., it was considered desirable that the schedules of furniture approved for the latter should be applied to the Quarters of the former as far as practicable.

486. Velox Steam Disinfector—Report on trial
of.
84/V/713.

The field pattern was noted as suitable for use in stations where liquid fuel only is obtainable.

487. Port Royal—Taking over of Naval Hospital.
Jamaica 7/2.

The Committee concurred in the allotment of £27 required for the portion of the Hospital which it is proposed to set apart for military purposes, but considered that the Admiralty should be asked to bear the expense of equipping the accommodation which they propose shall be maintained for naval patients when a squadron visits Jamaica.

488. Netley—Families' Hospital and Nurses'
Quarters, Linoleum and Carpet for.
57/Tidworth/34.

Referred to the Equipment Sub-Committee.

489. Irish Command—Bins and Canisters for
Hospital use.
57/Gen. No./6615.

In view of the conversion of these smaller Hospitals to reception stations, the extension of the issue of the bins and canisters was not considered necessary. It was observed that spare bread crocks are in use in some of the smaller Hospitals for storing provisions, and the Committee agreed that G.O.C. in C., Ireland, should be asked to meet the demand for bins, &c., as far as possible by the issue of such bread crocks as may be available.

490. Falmouth. Sailors' Home—Reception of
Acute Military Cases.
Southern 7/1.

It was noted that this Hospital will not be available for the reception of military cases for some time.

491. Malta West Sub-District—Hospital Ser-
vices, 1905/6, B.A.E.
Malta 7/1.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

492. Herbert Hospital—Supply of Milk Urns
for.
57/Woolwich/2577.

Approved, cost chargeable to the general item for Equipment of Hospitals.

493. Advisory Board reports on Inspections of
Hospitals, England, 1905.
4800/7/2885.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

494. Sierra Leone—Ward for Officers, Mount
Aureol.
West Africa 24/11/7.

Ditto.

495. Barbados, B.A.E., 1905/6—Statement of
Hospital Services.
Barbados 7/1 and 2/118.

Ditto.

496. Hong Kong, Bowen Road Hospital—Re-
appropriations for R.A.M.C. Institute and Quarter-
master's Store.
Hong Kong 24/27/55.

Ditto.

497. Aldershot and Alton Hospitals—Annual
Reports of Matrons, 1904.
Aldershot 7/5.

Ditto.

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498. Curragh Hospitals—Report of Nursing Board.
4813/7/2878.

499. Curragh Isolation Hospital—Unsuitability of Site, &c.
Curragh 7/33.

500. Herbert Hospital—Linoleum for Passages.
57/Woolwich/2621.

501. Millbank Hospital—Carpet Brushes for Board and Consulting Rooms.
57/London/3002.

502. Urinals, New Pattern, Glass—Report on.
57/Gen. No./6197.

503. Gibraltar—Reappropriation for Nursing Sisters' Quarters—Report of Inspector General of the Forces.
Branch Memo.

504. Report of the Construction Sub-Committee Meeting, 24/7/05.

1. Aldershot, Cambridge Hospital, Nurses' Home, Aldershot 7/93.

2. Aldershot, Stanhope Lines, Isolation Hospital—Extension of Nurses' Home, 4808/7/1460.

3. Portsmouth, Alexandra Hospital—Nurses' Home, Isolation Hospital. Portsmouth 7/192.

4. Millbank Hospital—Filling in of Arches in Connecting Corridors. London 7/42.

5. Bloemfontein, New Hospital—Provision of District Sanitary Laboratory and Clinical Laboratory (combined). Cape 7/2.

6. Millbank—Reappropriation of Dining Room as Library and Reading Room. London 16/2876.

7. Netley, Garrison Church—Provision of Cupboard for Trestles, &c., under the Staircase.

8. Woolwich, Herbert Hospital—Ventilation of Laundry. Woolwich 7/94.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

The minute of the Secretary, Army Council, to the effect that "before any decision is given committing the authorities to additional expenditure through the abandonment of this building, the fact that the site was very fully considered, should be brought to notice," was noted.

Approved as a special case, cost chargeable to the general item for Hospital Equipment.

Approved.

Pattern approved for use when the stock of the existing pattern is exhausted.

Noted.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee, detailed below, were approved :—

The amended plans (M.H. 25-28) presented by D.B.C. were approved, subject to minor alterations in preparing detailed drawings, D.B.C. informing the Committee that the new home can be constructed at approximately the same cost as the extensions already contemplated, 8,300*l*.

Consideration of the plans was deferred for a report by A.M.D. 4 upon the numbers of the Nursing Staff that will be required if the Hospital is full, and for some cases among the men.

The amended plans were approved. (M.H. 23.)

It was agreed that these corridors should be partially closed in, so far as to afford adequate protection from the weather, whilst not materially interfering with light and air. The sketch M.H. 24 was approved. Estimate of cost to be furnished.

The Committee adhered to the previous decision in the case of Edinburgh (Min. 350/3), that separate laboratories should be provided for clinical and hygienic work. Type plans of each should be sent to G.O.C.

The proposed reappropriation was not approved, having in view the fact that the R.A.M.C. will for some time require the accommodation as a dining room, and the undesirability of their mixing with convalescent patients.

The smaller scheme, as sketched in red, on fly, was approved.

D.B.C. to inspect and report.

Confirmed,

E. C. PERRY, Chairman.

19th October 1905.

PROGRESS REPORT.

*Subjects.**Progress.*

- Alexandria, Hospital Services, B.A.E., 1905/6. Minute 445(14). £125 allotted, chargeable to Gen. Part 1 Item, 1905/6, Minor Hospital Improvements. G.O.C. notified 15/7/05 D.F.W. Hospitals, Egypt, 7/9.
- Ipswich Hospital—Conversion of Isolation Wards into Married Quarters. Minute 445(11). Decision notified to G.O.C. 7th July 1905 Q.M.G.1., Eastern 16/28.
- Inspections of Hospitals in England, 1905. G.O.C. reports closing of hospital at Coventry and Birmingham, with exception of a 3-bed detention ward at each station. The civil hospital at Coventry cannot take military patients; nursing staff will be sent from Bulford for this station. The civil hospital, Birmingham, will take cases at rate of 4/6 daily. 4800/7/2885.
- Straits Settlements—Hospital Services. £60 specially allotted from Part III. reserve for repairs; £100 allotted for improvement of hospital grounds against Gen. Part 1 Item, 1905/6, Minor Hospital Improvements. Straits Settlements 7/27. D.F.W. Hospitals, 7/7/05.
- Bread Bins—Locks and Keys for. Minute 451. Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. Ireland. 57/Gen. No./6493, Q.M.G.1. 17/7/05.
- Gibraltar (South), Hospital Services, 1905/6. Minute 445(7). £100 allotted, to be charged to Gen. Part 1, Item, Minor Hospital Improvements. Gibraltar 7/48-19/7/05 and Gibraltar 7/3-15/8/05.
- Malta (East), Hospital Services, 1905/6. Minute 445(6). Decision notified to G.O.C. Malta 7/34. D.F.W. Hospitals 5/7 and 19/7/05.
- Cairo and Alexandria Hospitals—Provision of Disinfectors. Minute 389. £350 allotted for local work in fixing apparatus. Gen. Part 1 Item, Minor Hospital Improvements, 1905/6. Gen. No. 2/1208. D.F.W. Hospitals 11/7/05.
- Devonport Station Hospital—Cooking Apparatus. £226 allotted, chargeable to Gen. Part 1 Item, Minor Hospital Improvements. Devonport 7/138, D.F.W. Hospitals 12/7/05.
- Devonport—Site for Nursing Sisters' Quarters. Minute 433. No additional land to be purchased. Salisbury 8/2180.
- Millbank—Nurses' Bedrooms, Enlargement of. Minute 467. No funds available. London 24/38/9.
- Cairo and Khartoum—Hospital Services, 1905/6, B.A.E. Minute 445(14). Decision notified to G.O.C., Egypt 7/1, D.F.W. Hospitals 8/7/05.
- Ceylon—Hospital Services, B.A.E., 1905/6. Minute 445/8. Decision notified to G.O.C., Ceylon 7/9, D.F.W. Hospitals 8/7/05.
- Hospital Services—Administration of, at Home Stations. G.O.C.s notified that D.B.C. will undertake this, in conjunction with the Army Hospitals Committee, as regards all Parts 1 and 2, the named services in Part 3, and the unnamed services in Part 3 for hospitals which form an independent charge. Gen. No. 7/115, D.F.W. Hospitals 16/7/05.
- Gibraltar Hospital—Quarters for Electrician and Engineer. Minute 405(17). Decision notified to G. and C. in C. 4/7/05. Gibraltar 24/45/1. D.F.W. Hospitals.
- Herbert Hospital—Special Equipment. Minute 463. Decision notified to G.O.C. 9/8/05, 57/Woolwich/2577, Q.M.G.1.
- Bloemfontein—Provision of District and Clinical Laboratories. Decision notified to C. in C., Cape 7/2, D.F.W. Hospitals 5/8/05.

Subjects.

Operation Room Sinks—Type plan.

Mortuary Sinks—Pattern of.

Jamaica—Station Hospital, Newcastle, B.A.E., 1905/6.

Disinfectors—Armagh, Clonmel, and Khartoum Hospitals.

Shrouds for Soldiers' Funerals.

Gibraltar Hospital—Accommodation for Female Nursing Staff.

Chatham, Fort Pitt Hospital—Gas Cooking Range.

Millbank—Various Articles of Equipment.

Ceylon—New Hospital at Ostenburg.

Millbank Hospital—Floor Polishers for Wards.

Minutes of 37th, 38th and 39th Meetings.

Medical Inspection Rooms—Additional Equipment for.

Progress.

Plate No. 177 issued in D.F.W. circular No. 892. Gen. No. 7/110, 8/05.

Plate No. 178a, issued in D.F.W. circular No. 892. Gen. No. 2/1312, 8/05.

Minute 458. Decision notified to G.O.C. Jamaica 7/1, D.F.W. Hospitals, 14/8/05.

Minute 389. Decision notified to G.O.C.s 21/8/05. 57/Gen. No. 6573, Q.M.G.1.

Minute 459. Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. Ireland, 24/8/05. 57/Gen. No./6546.

Question referred by Army Council to G. and C. in C. Gibraltar, 24/40/1.

Minute 405(11). £20 allotted for supply. Chatham 7/23. D.B.C. 18/8/05.

Minute 447. Supply arranged by A.D.O.S. 57/London/2978.

G.O.C. asked to submit plan for site. Ceylon 7/6, D.B.C. 24/8/05.

Minute 466. Decision notified to G.O.C. 11/8/05. Q.M.G.1, 57/London/2985.

Seen by Army Council, 14/9/05.

Minute 462. Decision notified to all G.O.C.s 29 and 31/8/05. Q.M.G.1. 57/Tidworth/16.

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

Reference.	Members.	Business done.
Construction Sub-Committee	Sir Cooper Perry, Lieut.-Colonel Davies, Major McCulloch.	Meeting 24th July 1905. See copies of minutes circulated in connection with Item 37 of the Agenda.

ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FORTY-SECOND MEETING—5TH OCTOBER 1905.

(MINUTES NOS. 505 to 513.)

AGENDA :

1. Report of Construction Sub-Committee.
2. Report of Equipment Sub-Committee.
3. Report of Centralisation Sub-Committee.
4. Holywood—Re-appropriation to provide M.O.'s Office, &c.
5. Londonderry—Re-appropriation to provide M.O.'s Office, &c.
6. Hong Kong, Bowen Road Hospital—Re-appropriation for Families Hospital.
7. Nova Scotia—B.A.E. Part II. Services, 1905-6.
8. Cleaning and Distinctive Cloths—Revised Estimate of Cost.
9. South Africa—Equipment for Quarters of Q.A.I.M.N.S.

PRESENT :

Sir COOPER PERRY, M.D., *Chairman*.

Sir FREDERICK TREVES, Bart., G.C.V.O., C.B.

Surgeon-General W. J. FAWCETT, C.B., D.D.G., A.M.S.

Lieut.-Colonel E. A. MOULTON-BARRETT, C.M.G., A.D.E.O.S.

Major T. McCULLOCH, D.A.D.G., A.M.S.

Mr. E. T. GANN, *Secretary*.

Major HEMMING was in attendance.

The Minutes of the 40th Meeting were confirmed.

Subjects.

Decisions.

505. Report of the Construction Sub-Committee Meeting, 27th September.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee, detailed below, were approved.

1. Egypt, Cairo, and Khartoum—B.A.E. Services 05/06, Part II. Minor alterations.
Egypt 7/1.

(a) Citadel—Provide Doorway to No. 1 Medical Store, 10/.

Yes.

(b) Citadel, Operation Room—Provide special Sink, with hot and cold water laid on, 25/.

Yes.

(c) Citadel, Kitchen—Provide hot plate with steam chamber, 50/.

Details to be obtained.

(d) Khartoum—Provide Hot Water Geysers for each Bath Room, 20/.

G.O.C. to be informed that a small boiler and circulating plant would probably be more satisfactory and more economical than a number of small separate geysers or other h.w. apparatus.

(e) Khartoum, Verandah—Provide hinged louvres to part of, 90/.

Yes.

Subjects.

2. Alexandria—B.A.E. Services 05/06, Part II. Minor alterations. Provision of Wire Netting to keep out Mosquitoes, &c. 33*l*.
Egypt 7/2.

3. Malta. West—B.A.E. Services, Part II. Minor alterations 05/06.
Malta 7/1.

(a) Sanitarium, Citta Vecchia, Married Quarters—Provide copper, 7*l*.

(b) Forrest Hospital, No. 1 Latrine—Provide 4 pedestal wash-down w.c.'s with hinged seats and siphon cisterns, 25*l*.

(c) Imtarfa—Provide modern Bath, 14*l*.

4. Sierra Leone, Mount Aureol—Ward for Officers. West Africa 24/11/7.

5. Barbadoes—B.A.E. Services 05/06.
Barbadoes 7/1 and 2/118.

6. Hong Kong, Bowen Road—Re-appropriations for R.A.M.C. Institute and Quartermaster's Store.
Hong Kong 24/27/55.

7. Malta, East—B.A.E. Services 05/06.
Malta 7/2.

8. Hong Kong—Surplus body rack for disposal.
Hong Kong 24/27/57.

9. South Africa, Naval Base, Sub-District—B.A.E. Services 05/06, Cape 7/4.
Wynberg—Provide hot closet for diets, 70*l*.

10. Hong Kong—B.A.E. 05/6 (Part II. Minor Alterations). Hong Kong 7/1.
Kowloon, Whitfield Hospital.—Provide Drain leading to steps by Matshed Hospital, 8*l*.
Victoria Station Hospital—Provide wood floor to Clerks' Office, 16*l*.

11. Mauritius, Curepipe—Additional Hospital accommodation.
Mauritius 24/20/22.

506. Report of the Equipment Sub-Committee, Meeting, 2nd October.

1. Netley—Equipment of Quarters for Head Nurse—Scale—Families Hospital.
57/Tidworth/34 & 57/Netley/ 251.

Decisions.

Yes, as a charge against the Part II. funds at G.O.C.'s disposal.

Yes.

Further inquiry to be made; the lease of this Hospital expires in 1906, and is not to be renewed.

Yes.

G.O.C.'s proposal to use the second hut as a ward for 4 sick officers was approved, and sketch A.H. 234, submitted by Major Hemming, showing the necessary annexes and duty room, was approved for reference to the station.

With reference to Minute 460, it was noted that no further action is to be taken owing to the withdrawal of the garrison.

G.O.C.'s proposed amendments approved.

The various services Part II. Minor alterations detailed in this paper were approved, and it was agreed that the 80*l*., required for the X-ray apparatus at Valletta should be charged to the General Part I. Item for Hospitals. G.O.C. should be asked for further details regarding the disinfecter to be supplied at a cost of 8*l*.

Send to Mauritius.

It was noted that this work had apparently been put in hand.

It was noted that work has been put in hand.

G.O.C.'s proposed amendments to the extension scheme were discussed, and it was agreed that, in view of the treatment of minor cases in quarters, the total number of beds (excluding women and children) might be reduced to 120.

Subject to this reduction, it was agreed that the observations and alternative suggestions submitted by Major Hemming (*vide* remarks column of enclosure "A" in the paper) should be approved.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee, detailed below, were approved.

These Quarters should be equipped as for Q.A.I.M.N.S. (*see* Minute 485).

*Subjects.**Decisions.*

2. Estimates, 06/07, amount required for Equipment, &c.
10/319.

Agreed that the following amount should be recommended for inclusion in Estimates' 06/7 :—

	£
Stores	10,000
Clothing	500
Transport	2,000

3. Urinals, blue glass, use of for Infectious Cases.
57/Gen. No./6646.

It was agreed that 144 of this pattern should be purchased for trial. The distribution to be settled by A.M.D.3.

4. Gibraltar—Linoleum for Rontgen Ray and Dark Rooms.
57/Gibraltar/8794.

It was noted that after trial the linoleum had proved satisfactory.

5. Aldershot—Number of white blankets on charge.
57/Aldershot/7243.

The excessive numbers of the white blankets on charge was noted. Lieut. Colonel Moulton-Barrett stated that a circular letter had been issued by Q.M.G. ordering the blankets in excess of Schedule allowance to be returned to Store. The Committee concurred.

6. Netley and Herbert Hospitals—Schedules of Equipment.
57/Netley/240.

7. Netley and Herbert Hospitals—Supply of Dressing Wagons.
57/Gen. No./6624.

8. Herbert Hospital—Boards for Bread-cutting.
57/Gen. No./6496.

9. Netley—Linoleum for Dining Halls and Sculleries, also for Inspection and Waiting Rooms Families Hospital.
57/Tidworth/34.

Deferred.

507. Report of the Centralisation Sub-Committee Meeting, 5th October.

Deferred.

508. Holywood—Re-appropriations to provide M.O.'s. Office, &c.
Irish 16/42.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

509. Londonderry—Re-appropriations to provide M.O.'s. Office, &c.
Irish 16/38.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

510. Hong Kong—Bowen Road Hospital, re-appropriations for Families Hospital.
Hong Kong 24/27/57.

G.O.C.'s. letter conveying his regret at the decision of the Army Council to adhere to the proposed re appropriations was noted.

511. Nova Scotia—B.A.E. Part II. Services, 1905/6.
Nova Scotia 7/10.

It was noted that the services proposed should not be proceeded with, owing to the impending withdrawal of the garrison.

512. Cleaning and Distinctive Cloths, revised estimate of cost.
57/Gen. No./6162.

Referred to the Equipment Sub-Committee, with power to act.

513. South Africa—Equipment for Quarters of Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Referred to the Equipment Sub-Committee, with power to act.

19th October 1905.

Confirmed.

E. C. PERRY,
Chairman.

PROGRESS REPORT.

*Subjects.**Progress.*

Gibraltar Hospital.—Linoleum for floors of Rontgen Ray and Dark Rooms.

Governor and C. in C. reports "very necessary, and suitable for the purpose." 57/Gib./8794.

Bermuda, Cottage Hospital—Accommodation for Soldiers' Families.

Questions of subsidy and rent for site, if on War Dept. land, cannot yet be settled. Bermuda 7/1 G.O.C.'s letter 29/8/05.

Netley—Repairs to Pier.

D.B.C. reports "carried out at a cost of 141." Southern 8/4, 26/9/05.

Alton—M.O.'s. Tennis Lawn.

Minute 484. Decision notified to G.O.C. 26/9/05. Aldershot 7/2.

Netley—Re-appropriations, Royal Victoria Hospital.

Minute 477. Re-appropriations approved, except Army Temperance Room and Bicycle Room, which are not recognised accessories. Southern 16/36. Q.M.G.1 26/9/05.

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

Reference.	Members.	Business done.
Centralisation Sub-Committee -	Sir Cooper Perry, Sir Frederick Treves, Surgeon-General Fawcett, Major McCulloch.	Meeting 5th October. Further consideration of the Centralisation Report. (See Item 3 of the Agenda.)
Construction Sub-Committee -	Sir Cooper Perry, Lieut-Colonel Davies, Major McCulloch.	Meeting 27th September. (See copies of minutes circulated in connection with Item 1 of the Agenda.)
Equipment Sub-Committee -	Sir Cooper Perry, Surgeon-Gen. Fawcett, Lieut-Colonel Moulton-Barrett.	Meeting 2nd October. (See copies of minutes circulated in connection with Item 2 of the Agenda.)

ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FORTY-THIRD MEETING—19TH OCTOBER 1905.

(MINUTES NOS. 514 to 523.)

AGENDA :

1. Report of Construction Sub-Committee.
 2. Report of Equipment Sub-Committee.
 3. Water Supply to Hospitals, proposed scale.
 4. Clothing, proposed administration of, by Army Hospitals Committee.
 5. Operation Aprons and Orderlies' Overalls, supply of.
 6. Gibraltar Hospital, minor improvements.
 7. Dover, Western Heights Hospital, furnishing of Nursing Duty Room.
 8. South Africa, demands for equipment for Nursing Sisters' Quarters, Cape Town and Pretoria.
 9. Estimates, 1906-07, amount to be included for Special Equipment Allowance for Hospitals.
 10. Fifth Report of Centralisation Sub-Committee.
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PRESENT :

Sir COOPER PERRY, M.D., *Chairman*.

Sir FREDERICK TREVES, Bart., G.C.V.O., C.B.

Surg.-General W. J. FAWCETT, C.B., D.D.G., A.M.S.

Lieut.-Colonel E. A. MOULTON BARRETT, C.M.G., A.D.E.O.S.

Lieut.-Colonel A. M. DAVIES, R.A.M.C.

Major T. McCULLOCH, M.B., D.A.D.G., A.M.S.

Mr. E. T. GANN, *Secretary*.

The Director of Barrack Construction and Major E. H. HEMMING, R.E.,
were in attendance.

The Minutes of the two previous Meetings were confirmed.

Subjects.

514. Report of Construction Sub-Committee;
Meeting, 16th October.

(1) Aldershot, Connaught Hospital—Provision of
an iron fence.
Aldershot 7/4.

Decisions.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee, detailed below, were approved :—

The proposed iron fence was not considered sufficient to properly enclose the Hospital, and further consideration was deferred for a report by D.B.C. with estimate of cost of a wooden fence, six feet high, surmounted by barbed wire.

Subjects.

(2) Aldershot, Isolation Hospital — Extension of Nurses' Home.
4808/7/1460.

(3) Advisory Board's Reports on Inspections of Hospitals, 1905, England.
4800/7/2885.

(4) Curragh — Report of Nursing Board on Hospitals. Accommodation for Q.A.I.M.N.S. and R.A.M.C.
4813/7/2878.

(5) Holywood — Re-appropriations for Medical Officers' Office, &c.
Irish 16/42.

(6) Londonderry — Re-appropriations for Medical Officers' Office, &c.
Irish 16/38.

(7) York Hospital — Additions.
York 7/15.

(8) Barrack Annual Estimates, 1906–07. Statements of Hospital Services, Home, Parts I. and II.
Gen. No. 7/10.

(9) Millbank — Housing of Motor Ambulance.

515. Report of Equipment Sub-Committee; Meeting, 5th October.

(1) Netley and Herbert Hospitals — Schedules of Equipment.
57/Netley, 240.

(2) Netley and Herbert Hospitals — Supply of Dressing Waggons.
57/Gen. No./6624.

(3) Herbert Hospital — Boards for Bread-cutting.
57/Gen. No./6496.

(4) Netley — (a) Linoleum for Dining Halls and Sculleries, (b) for Inspection and Waiting Rooms, Families' Hospital.
57/Tidworth 34.

(5) Athlone — Demand for Ward Tables.
57/Curragh/3079.

(6) Woolwich. Herbert Hospital — Linoleum for space to be adapted for Officers' use as Lounge or Sitting Room.
57/Woolwich, 2632.

Decisions.

Plan M.H. 41 was approved.

Referred to D.B.C. to extract the Construction items for each station for separate report.

D.B.C. to obtain plans of the Hospital, and submit them with a view to the details of the establishments of Q.A.I.M.N.S. and R.A.M.C. being worked out.

The proposals in the alternative sketch M.H. 48 submitted by D.B.C. were considered better than those proposed by the station, and it was agreed that they should be referred to G.O.C. for estimate of cost.

Approved.

Preliminary sketches of the proposed extension M.H. 42, 43, and 44 were submitted by D.B.C. and approved as amended, the plans to be considered again, with those of the accessory buildings, as soon as ready.

D.B.C. stated that he was considering these Estimates, and it was agreed that his report should be dealt with in detail at a meeting on the 25th inst.

D.B.C. produced a sketch showing what is required for the Ambulance, and it was agreed that siting should wait until the plans for the R.A.M.C. block and other accessories are considered.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee, detailed below, were approved:—

Herbert Hospital.—G.O.C.'s replies to the various queries addressed to him were considered—the decisions of the Committee are noted against the items in the paper.

Netley.—It was agreed that a summary of the proposed amendments should be prepared by A.M.D. 3 for further consideration, but that no addition to equipment could be allowed on account of P.M.O.'s suggested sectional system.

It was agreed that these Hospitals should be equipped with dressing waggons on the scale approved for Hospitals in the 1904 schedules, and that the cost of issuing balance necessary might be charged to the General Item for Hospital Equipment.

Agreed that suitable boards should be made at Woolwich.

(a) Deferred for want of funds.
(b) Approved.

It was agreed that the supply of these tables to this Hospital should be deferred pending the introduction of the Centralisation Scheme, under which it becomes a Venereal Hospital.

Approved; the cost chargeable to the General Item for the Equipment of Hospitals.

Subjects.

(7) Special Equipment Allowance — Proposed Extension to Hospitals of 75 beds.
57/Gen. No./5189.

(8) Cloths, Cleaning and Distinctive—Supply of new Pattern.
57/Gen. No./6162.

516. Water Supply to Hospitals—Proposed Scale.
Southern 7/3.

517. Clothing—Proposed Administration of, by Army Hospitals Committee.
54/Gen. No./9798.

518. Operation Aprons and Orderlies' Overalls—Supply of.
57/Gen. No./5686.

519. Gibraltar Hospital—Minor Improvements.
Gibraltar 7/3.

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| <p>(a) Provide a steam jacket capable of receiving three milk sterilisers, 6<i>l</i>.
(b) Provide a gas cooker, 4<i>l</i>.
(c) Provide electric light to Verandah outside Prisoners' Ward, 2<i>l</i>.</p> | } |
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Approved; cost chargeable to the General Item, Minor Hospital Services, Vote 10.

520. Dover, Western Heights Hospital—Furnishing of Nursing Duty Room.
57/Dover/4428.

Referred to the Equipment Sub-Committee.

521. South Africa—Demands for Equipment for Nursing Sisters' Quarters, Cape Town and Pretoria.
57/Cape/2220.

The Committee noted that only 266*l*. of the sum provided in Annual Estimates for the furnishing of Nursing Sisters' quarters remains unallotted, and that 911*l*. in excess of this sum is required to meet the demand from South Africa. In these circumstances it was agreed that the 911*l*. might be transferred from the general item for the equipment of Hospitals. It was further agreed that it is desirable that the unexpended balance of the sum taken in Estimates for the Equipment of Officers' wards be transferred to the item for the equipment of Hospitals.

522. Estimates 1906-07, amount to be included for Special Equipment Allowance for Hospitals.
57/3/1750.

It was considered that the sum of 500*l*. should be included in the Estimates for 1906-07 for this service, and that, as regards the future, arrangements should be made for the inclusion in the necessary regulations of an annual grant of 1*s*. per bed to Hospitals with 100 beds or over, and an initial grant of 5*s*. per bed to new Hospitals of this size.

523. Fifth Report of the Centralisation Sub-Committee.

The Fifth Report of the Centralisation Sub-Committee, marked "A," attached, was approved as amended.

Decisions.

Not approved, no funds being available.

The Committee noted the revised estimate of the cost of the proposal to issue these cloths to all Hospitals, 2,601*l*. (provision 1,348*l*., washing 1,253*l*.), and agreed (a) that for 1905-06 issues should be limited to 50 per cent. of the scale proposed; (b) further issues should be considered with the Estimates for 1906-07.

It was considered that, in view of the time which must elapse before provision can be made, and the reduction in the estimated cost of washing which should follow in consequence, the total cost of these issues in 1905-06 would not exceed 1,000*l*.

Referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of—
Surg.-General Fawcett.
Lieut.-Colonel Davies, and
Major McCulloch.

Deferred.

Referred to the Equipment Sub-Committee, with power to act.

PROGRESS REPORT.

Subjects.

Herbert Hospital—Linoleum for Patients' Dining Hall.

Alexandria Station Hospital.

Cairo and Khartoum Hospitals—Minor Alterations, B.A.E., 1905-06.

Shorncliffe—Nursing Sisters' Quarters.

Malta (West)—B.A.E., 1905-06, Part II., Minor Alterations (Hospitals).

Malta (East)—B.A.E., 1905-06, Part II., Minor Alterations (Hospitals).

Bins and Canisters for use in Hospitals—Irish Command.

Millbank Hospital—Two Carpet Brushes for Board and Consulting Rooms.

Equipment Allowance (Special) of 1s. per bed—Proposed Issue to Hospitals of 75 beds.

Hong Kong—Bowen Road Hospital.

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Families' Hospitals—Scale of Equipment for Quarters of Nursing Staff.

Athlone Hospital—Demand for Ward Tables.

Sierra Leone, Mount Aureol—Hut Ward for four Officers.

Fermoy, Families' Hospital—Equipment for Quarters of Nursing Staff.

Millbank—Hired Quarters for Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Progress.

Minute 471. Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. 30/9/05. 57/Woolwich/2590. Q.M.G. 1.

Minutes 470 and 505(2). Decision notified to G.O.C. 3/10/05. Egypt 7/2. D.F.W. Hospitals.

Minute 505(1). Decision notified to G.O.C. 3/10/05. Egypt 7/1. D.F.W. Hospitals.

Equipment approved at cost of 50*l.* 2*s.* 2*d.*, D.G. A.M.S. concurring. Money to be taken from that allotted to South Africa. Contracts/Demands/2601.

Minute 491. Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. 5/10/05. Malta 7/1. D.F.W. Hospitals.

Minute 505(7). Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. 5/10/05. Malta 7/2. D.F.W. Hospitals.

Minute 489. Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. 5/10/05. 57/Gen. No./6615. Q.M.G. 1.

Minute 501. Decision notified to G.O.C. 9/10/05. Q.M.G. 1. 57/London/3002.

Minute 515(2). Decision notified to G.O.C. South Africa. 11/1/05. Q.M.G. 1. 57/Gen. No./5189.

Minute 505(8). Decision notified to G.O.C., who is requested to forward diagrams of proposed telephonic communication, bell circuits, and speaking tubes. H.K. 24/27/57. 30/9/05. D.F.W. Hospitals.

Seen by the Army Council, 13/10/05.

G.O.C.'s Home Malta, South Africa, and North China asked to furnish statements of requirements, with cost. 57/Cape/2174. October 1905.

Minute 515(5). Tables struck out of demand, 13/10/05. 57/Curragh/3079.

Minute 505(4). Decision notified to G.O.C. 16/10/05. West Africa 24/11/7. D.F.W. Hospitals.

Minute 474. Supply arranged for. To be charged to Item 8. N.S. 1905-06. 57/Fermoy/366.

Equipment complete except 4 oak wardrobes, now reported for issue, and 2 oak dressing chests, under inspection. Contracts/Demands/1923. October 1905.

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

Reference.	Members.	Business done.
Construction Sub-Committee	Sir Cooper Perry, Lieut.-Colonel Davies, Major McCulloch.	Meeting 16th October. See copies of minutes circulated in connection with Item I. of the Agenda.
Equipment Sub-Committee	Sir Cooper Perry, Surg.-Gen. Fawcett, Lieut.-Colonel Moulton-Barrett.	Meeting 5th October. See copies of minutes circulated in connection with Item II. of the Agenda.

ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FIFTH REPORT

OF THE

CENTRALISATION SUB-COMMITTEE,

SHOWING THE DETAILED

CENTRALISATION OF MILITARY HOSPITALS

IN

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND,

ADOPTED BY THE ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE,

OCTOBER 19th, 1905.

NOTES.—In the attached tables the numbers shown above and against the Stations are those of beds existing, exclusive of the accommodation in Isolation Wards, those below represent the Garrisons (Officers and Men), but in the absence of any approved distribution of the Home Army the figures for the latter must be considered as liable to alteration.

The numbers of beds required for infectious cases have been estimated from recent statistics for the various Stations.

Abbreviations:—M. and S. = Medical and Surgical.
V. and I. = Venereal and Itch.
C. = Convalescent.

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MEMORANDUM.

1. The accompanying trees and tabulated statement, showing in detail the latest proposals for the centralisation of military hospitals in Great Britain and Ireland, should be read in connection with the Memorandum addressed by the Army Hospitals Committee to the Secretary of State in June 1903, and with the previous reports of the Committee (Gen. No. 7/82 and /93) already submitted on this subject. In these documents arguments were adduced at considerable length in support of the principles underlying the recommendations of the Committee, which, having been accepted by the Army Council, it is needless here to recapitulate. In view, however, of the desirability that the report now presented should be offered for careful criticism by General Officers Commanding before final sanction, it appears convenient to set out in brief the propositions which form the basis of the policy which has been generally approved by the Army Council.

- (a) Trivial cases of disease or injury to be treated in ordinary or special barrack rooms, as laid down in Army Order 158 of 1903.
- (b) In every station arrangements to be made for the prompt treatment of the sick and injured; and for the retention at the station of cases so serious as not to be transportable. In smaller stations such cases, where practicable, to be received into the local civil hospital.
- (c) Transportable cases in peripheral stations to be transferred to central hospitals in the command, which hospitals shall be brought up to the level of modern requirements as regards structure, appliances, and equipment.
- (d) The centralisation of military hospitals to be made complete within each command, though in special cases exceptions may be allowed. (Decision of the Army Council, Gen. No. 7/107.)
- (e) Patients suffering from venereal disease to be aggregated for treatment in special wards of central hospitals, or in separate venereal hospitals to be provided with the means of treatment recommended by the Advisory Board, A.M.S.
- (f) Cases of itch to be as a rule treated at the station in which they arise, and existing itch wards, where necessary, to be brought up to date.
- (g) Infectious cases at small stations to be transferred, wherever practicable, to the local civil infectious hospital. Isolation wards so vacated to be utilised with necessary annexes as itch wards.
- (h) An extended use of convalescent homes to be encouraged.
- (i) Hospitals with a hundred beds or more to be provided with quarters for a regular female nursing staff; for urgent cases in certain smaller hospitals arrangements to be made for accommodating special female nurses sent from head-quarters.
- (j) Mortuaries generally to be improved, and, in large stations, viewing-rooms to be added.
- (k) Subject to modifications by special conditions the number of beds in central hospitals to be calculated on the following basis:—

Officers, 2 per cent.

Men, $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for medical and surgical cases.	} = $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. of the total strength of the station served by the central hospital.
$1\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. for venereal cases	

- (l) Disinfectors of suitable pattern to be provided at all but the smallest stations with a view to prompt action being taken immediately upon the outbreak of any infectious disease, whether amongst officers or men or their families.

2. As has been remarked in a previous report, the Committee has experienced some difficulty in arriving at accurate information as to the approved strengths of the various stations, and, in case of doubt, they have thought it safer to base their calculations upon higher rather than lower figures. It is, therefore, highly probable that some further reduction in the number of beds may ultimately be effected, but, nevertheless, it has seemed to the Committee expedient that the Director of Barrack Construction should not curtail the administrative blocks of new hospitals but should design them on such a scale as to admit even of an increase in the estimated number of beds, whether such increase may be brought about through heightened sick rate or

by the exigencies of war. Moreover, in selecting the sites of new hospitals, thought has been given to the desirability of taking enough land to allow of the erection of tents or huts for occupation by the sick in war time, where it seems possible that the hospital may require to be used for this purpose.

3. A statement has been made of the total number of hospital beds which will be released when the centralisation scheme is carried out in its entirety. In some instances the accommodation set free may be advantageously utilised for military purposes, and the economy thus effected may reasonably be regarded as a set-off against the cost of centralisation. Though the matter is not strictly within the purview of the Committee, it would be well that the Director of Barrack Construction should give this question consideration before the plans for hospital accommodation at the various stations are under final consideration.

4. A statement has also been made indicating the net reduction in the number of hospital beds in Great Britain and Ireland as the result of the lower basis of sick accommodation now authorised. This reduction means ultimately a large saving on equipment, upkeep, and administration.

5. As has already been remarked, "the first essential for the success of hospital centralisation is good modern transport—horse, motor, or railway"—and in this matter the Committee has to thank the Mechanical Transport Committee of the War Office for recommending to them a motor ambulance, the internal fittings of which have been approved by the Medical Department, for trial in the London district. It will be noted that the present report indicates the mode of transport recommended in each case between the tributary and central hospitals. As regards railway transport, however, the Committee does not recommend the building of special ambulance coaches on any large scale, being of opinion that transportable cases should usually be such as can travel in ordinary carriages, and that, as time goes on, railway transport is likely to be largely superseded by improved motor ambulances. If a statement of the initial expense and annual upkeep of transport vehicles with an estimate of the annual cost to be defrayed in connection with the movement of sick soldiers be desired, the Committee will be pleased to furnish the branches of the War Office concerned with data for calculation in consultation with the Army Medical Department.

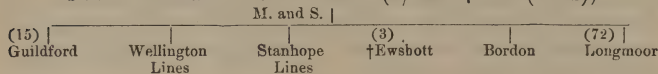
6. Furthermore, a careful estimate has been prepared of the capital outlay involved in the completed centralisation scheme for Great Britain and Ireland. This statement is based upon the knowledge possessed by the Committee of the structural conditions of the various military hospitals, either at first hand or as indicated in the Annual Inspection Reports of the Advisory Board, A.M.S. It has also been assumed that for new hospitals and for new reception stations the cost may be put at 450*l.* per bed, that where administrative buildings are already provided, the cost per bed may be taken at 300*l.*, and that the conversion and renovation of existing hospitals may be put at 150*l.* per bed. These figures are approximate only, based upon the cost of similar work in the past; but in the opinion of the Director of Barrack Construction, they are likely on the whole scheme to be sufficiently accurate, though as regards particular stations they may prove somewhat above or below the mark. It is hoped that, at any rate, they may be accepted as a basis for practical working, since it is evident that the execution of a scheme, already delayed through unavoidable circumstances connected with the re-organisation of the Works Department of the War Office, will be deferred beyond any reasonable period, should progress be interdicted until plans, specifications, and estimates have been elaborated for every one of the 150 military hospitals in the United Kingdom.

7. In conclusion, the Committee would add that they are aware that there are many points upon which information may still be required by those who are less familiar with existing conditions in military hospitals, and that, if desired, they will be glad to take part in any conference which may aid in a final solution of the difficult problem which is here submitted to the judgment of the Army Council and of the Treasury.

ALDERSHOT COMMAND

(including Guildford).*

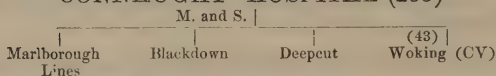
CAMBRIDGE HOSPITAL (4/448 + 36 (huts))



APPROXIMATE STRENGTH OF GARRISON.

		Officers	Other Ranks.
Aldershot	- -	585	17,900
Guildford	- -	12	283
Ewshott	- -	15	600
Bordon	- -	132	4,510
Longmoor	- -	54	1,240
Blackdown and Deepcut	- -	80	2,700
Woking	- -	26	830
Alton	- -	4	70
		<u>908</u>	<u>28,133</u>

CONNAUGHT HOSPITAL (255)



CONNAUGHT HUT HOSPITAL (351)

V. and I. |
All venereal cases
(including Guildford)

Beds required :—		
Medical and Surgical	-	703
Venereal and itch	-	352
Total	-	<u>1,055</u>

ALTON (270)

4/70
|
All convalescents
except venereal

WOKING (43)

|
All venereal
convalescents

ISOLATION HOSPITAL, ALDERSHOT.

Beds existing. 48 + 36 (huts.)	Beds required. 84
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* Guildford, not being conveniently placed for centralisation elsewhere, has been included with Aldershot, from which it is only 12 miles distant.

† Reception station.

The accommodation existing in the Cambridge and Connaught Hospitals, exclusive of the huts, exactly provides the number of beds required on the approved basis of $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. for medical and surgical cases.

Among the immediate requirements at the Cambridge Hospital is the extension of the accommodation for the female nursing staff, for which service 8,300l. has been included in Barrack Annual Estimates 05/06. Plans are in hand.

The **Connaught Hut Hospital** will require a new administration block and a treatment block, for which plans should be put in hand at once.

For the isolation hospital, additions to the quarters of the female nursing staff are necessary, and the matter is already under consideration.

ALDRESHOT COMMAND.

Station.	Number of Beds required in future for			Proposed Method of Transport.	Requirements for	
	Medical and Surgical Cases.	Infectious.	Itch.		Mortuary.	Disinfectior.
CAMBRIDGE HOSPITAL.	First-grade hospital, 448 M. and S. and 4 officers.	To infectious hospital.	To Connaught hut hospital.	—	Maintain existing building.	Maintain existing Reck. Maintain existing Equifex. None.
CONNAUGHT HOSPITAL.	First-grade hospital, 255 M. and S.	"	"	—	"	"
CONNAUGHT HUT HOSPITAL.	First-grade hospital, 351 V. and I.	"	"	—	"	"
ALTON - - -	Convalescents, except venereal.	"	"	Horse ambulance.	"	Maintain existing Equifex. (e)
Ewshott - - -	*2 general + 1 observation	To Aldershot.		†,	None.	"
Guildford - - -	(a)2 " 1 " -	To civil hospital.	To Aldershot	"	Improve present building. (c)Build.	To be provided. (e)
Bordon - - -	(b)5 " 1 " -	To Aldershot.		"	"	"
Longmoor - - -	(b)2 " 1 " -	"	"	"	"	"
Deepcut and Blackdown.	(b)3 " 1 " -	"	"	"	None.	"
Woking - - -	(d)3 " 1 " -	"	"	"	Improve existing building.	(e)

Connaught Hut Hospital—a new administrative block and treatment block must be provided.

* A reception station giving this accommodation has recently been provided by conversion of a hut.

† Ambulances—2 infectious and 4 ordinary ambulances will be required. These will be kept at the Central Hospitals.

(a) By conversion of existing hospital.

(b) New reception station to be built, or hut to be converted.

(c) Mortuary at Bordon will serve Bordon and Longmoor.

(d) To be provided from existing building—balance of which will be used for a convalescent home for venereal patients.

(e) All articles are sent to Isolation Hospital, Aldershot.

Station.	Remarks.	Estimated Cost of			Total.	Funds available.	Beds given up.
		Main Building.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfectior.			
Aldershot, Cambridge Hospital.	Quarters for Q.A.I.M.N.S. -	£ 8,300	£ —	£ —	£ 8,300	£ 8,300	No. —
Connaught Hut Hospital.	Administration block - -	7,000	—	—	7,000	—	—
	Treatment block - - -	2,000	—	—	2,000	—	—
Guildford - - -	Conversion to reception station -	450	150	250	850	—	12
Woking - - -	" " " -	600	150	—	750	—	—
Ewshott - - -	" " " -	500	—	—	500	—	—
Bordon - - -	(already done). New reception station - -	2,700	—	—	2,700	—	—
Longmoor - - -	" " " -	1,350	—	—	1,350	—	72
Deepcut - - -	" " " -	1,800	—	—	1,800	—	—
	Total - - -	24,700	300	250	25,250	8,300	84

It will be seen from the above that the rough estimated cost of the new scheme is 25,250l., and that 84 beds are set free for other than hospital purposes.

Under the various Military Works Loans the proposals for hospital expenditure for these stations amounted to 137,500l. as follows:—

	£
Woking - - -	1,500
Deepcut and Blackdown - - -	70,000
Ewshott - - -	1,000
Bordon - - -	65,000

Total - - - £137,500

EASTERN COMMAND.

		BEDS REQUIRED.		
		Medical and Surgical.	Venereal.	Total.
SHORNCLIFFE (94 + 111 (huts))		213	107	320
M., S., and I.				
(205)	(133)			
Shorncliffe	Canterbury			
140/3800	60/1800			
DOVER, WESTERN HEIGHTS (116)				
M., S., and I.				
(31)	(18)			
Dover Castle	Dover W. Heights			
100/2700	Lydd†			
	Hythe			
	96/189			
HOUNSLOW (67 + 42 (huts))		63	31	94
M., S., V., and I.				
(109)	(18)			
Hounslow	Kingston			
47/1350	12/543			
	Mill Hill			
	16/600			
CHATHAM (199)		88	44	132
M., S., V., and I.				
(199)	(20)			
Chatham	Gravesend			
68/2360	4/73			
	Maidstone			
	13/368			
	Sheerness			
	30/710			
COLCHESTER (220)		135	68	203
M., S., V., and I.				
(220)	(16)			
Colchester	Ipswich			
160/4610	11/290			
	Bury St. Edmunds			
	12/273			
	Harwich			
	Landguard			
	10/226			
WARLEY (78)		43	22	65
M., S., V., and I.				
(78)	(30)			
Warley	Shoeburyness			
33/1200	15/510			
EASTBOURNE (C) (20).				See pages 7 and 8.
(20)				
Eastbourne				
1/5				
BRIGHTON (28)		21	11	32
M., S., V., and I.				
(28)	(36)			
Brighton	Chichester			
17/430	10/390			
	Newhaven			
	1/25			
BEDFORD (28)		7	3	10
M., S., V., and I.				
Bedford (28)				
12/247				
NORWICH (40 + 11 in hut)		28	14	42
M., S., V., and I.				
(40)	(26)			
Norwich	Yarmouth			
38/880	8/214			
NORTHAMPTON (26)		16	8	24
M., S., V., and I.				
(26)	(23)			
Northampton	Weedon			
7/800	28/330			

* Condemned.

† Garrison largely increased during summer camps.

‡ Three bed reception station recently completed.

EASTERN COMMAND.

Shorncliffe Hospital will require an addition of 119 beds, which can be provided by the substitution of a permanent building on the site of the existing huts, already condemned for occupation by the sick.

The quarters for Q.A.I.M.N.S. must be enlarged to provide for increase of the staff.

Canterbury.—A very large portion of the existing building can be surrendered, as well as the hired building for Q.A.I.M.N.S. quarters. The isolation hospital, which has six beds, is a good building, and would, perhaps, with some additions, provide all the accommodation requisite for a reception station to which an itch ward might be added.

Dover.—The Castle Hospital can be entirely given up. The hospital at the Western Heights will require remodelling. A detention ward in addition to the reception station may have to be provided.

Hounslow.—The hospital in permanent materials will provide adequate accommodation for medical and surgical cases, but will require to be brought up to date by the addition of an operation theatre, &c. The beds in huts will amply suffice for venereal and itch cases, but will need the addition of a Treatment block, steeping tanks, &c. Plans for a new isolation hospital have been approved, and the cost, 12,000*l.*, is included in the M.W. Loan programme. This Hospital will take infectious cases from Windsor and London in addition to those occurring at the station.

Chatham.—The existing hospital has been emphatically condemned, and a new hospital will have to be erected on a site, which it is hoped can be found on W.D. property.

Maidstone.—This hospital is a wooden structure unfit for sick occupation, and a new reception station must be built. The present hospital is described as “a death trap in case of fire.” (Advisory Board Inspection Report, 1903.)

Colchester hospital has been recently completed and contains some slight excess of beds over requirements (17). The present quarters are inadequate for the numbers of female nursing staff required, but the existing isolation hospital might be converted to give additional nursing accommodation, all infectious cases being taken by the civil authorities. Some minor improvements will be required.

Harwich and Landguard will each require a new reception station, the present buildings used for hospital purposes having been condemned.

Warley.—Considerable improvements and additions will be necessary at this hospital. The sanitary arrangements are stated to leave much to be desired. There is no operation theatre, and the mortuary is small and without viewing room. The R.A.M.C. accommodation should be improved. The number of beds is somewhat in excess of requirements.

Eastbourne.—This hospital should be maintained for the service of the station, and also as a convalescent home, for which it is already in considerable demand. It is capable of extension.

Brighton.—This hospital cannot be adapted to modern requirements, and a new hospital of slightly larger size must be constructed on or adjacent to the existing site.

Newhaven may be given up.

Bedford.—This building is comparatively modern, and a substantial structure which will lend itself to conversion into a third-grade hospital.

Norwich.—The 40 beds in the present hospital will be adequate, the isolation ward being used for itch cases. The hut can be given up. The sanitary annexes require remodelling, and an operation theatre must be provided.

Northampton.—This hospital is large enough to serve, but will require considerable remodelling.

The **Herbert Hospital** at **Woolwich** (637 beds + 270 in huts) will remain as at present, and minor improvements only will be requisite, for which a sum of 10,000*l.* may be estimated.

EASTERN COMMAND.

Station.	Number of Beds required in future for			Proposed Method of Transport.	Requirements for	
	Medical and Surgical Cases.	Infectious.	Itch.		Mortuary.	Disinfectory.
SHORNCLIFFE	First-grade hospital, 213 M. and S. + 5 officers.	To civil hospital	4 or 5 in existing isolation hospital.	—	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
DOVER, W. HEIGHTS.	(b)5 general and 1 observation, balance V.	"	4	Rail	"	"
Canterbury - -	(a)5 general and 1 observation.	"	4	Motor ambulance.	"	"
Lydd - -	(a)3 general and 1 observation.	—	1	"	"	To be provided.
Hythe - -	To Shorncliffe - - -	To civil hospital	0	"	None	None.
HOUNSLOW	First-grade hospital, 63 M. and S., 31 V.	To new military hospital.	2	Horse ambulance.	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
Kingston - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	To be provided (small).
Mill Hill - -	Reception station, 2 + 1, nearly finished.	Hounslow.	4	Motor ambulance.	To be provided.	"
CHATHAM	New first-grade hospital, 88 M. and S. + 44 V. + 2 officers.	To civil hospital	4	—	Will be required.	Will be required.
Gravesend - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	"	0	Rail	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
Maidstone - -	2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	To be provided (small).
Sheerness - -	(a) (c)4 general and 1 observation.	2	2	"	"	Maintain existing Thresh.
COLCHESTER	First-grade hospital, 135 M. and S., 68 V.	To civil hospital	6	—	"	Maintain existing W. Lyon.
Ipswich - -	2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	Rail	"	To be provided (small).
Bury St. Edmunds	(a)(c)2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	"
Harwich - -	2 general and 1 observation	"	0	"	To be provided.	None.
Landguard - -	2 general and 1 observation	—	0	"	"	To be provided (small).
WARLEY	First-grade hospital, 43 M. and S. + 22 V.	4	2	—	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
Shoeburyness	(a)4 general and 1 observation.	To civil hospital	2	Rail	"	"
EASTBOURNE	(d)2 general and 1 observation.	"	0	—	"	None.
BRIGHTON	Second-grade hospital to be built on site of existing hospital, 21 M. and S. + 11 V.	"	3	—	"	To be provided (small).
Chichester - -	(a)3 general and 1 observation.	"	4	Rail	"	"
Newhaven - -	Patients to Brighton - -	if possible. To civil hospital	0	"	None	None.
BEDFORD	Third-grade hospital, 7 M. and S. + 3 V.	"	2	—	Improve existing building.	To be provided (small).
NORWICH	Second-grade hospital, 23 M. and S. + 14 V.	"	4	—	"	"
Yarmouth - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	To civil hospital	3	Rail	"	"
NORTHAMPTON	Second-grade hospital, 16 M. and S. + 8 V.	"	3	—	"	"
Weedon - -	(a)3 general and 1 observation.	2	4	Horse ambulance.	"	"

(a) Reception station by conversion of existing hospital.

(b) In existing building at Western Heights, the balance of accommodation to be adapted as a venereal hospital. A detention ward will also probably be required.

(c) Balance of accommodation might be used for convalescents.

(d) To take its own patients—balance of accommodation to be used for convalescents.

EASTERN COMMAND.

Station.	Remarks.	Estimated Cost of			Total.	Funds available.	Beds given up.
		Main Building.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfectant.			
Shorncliffe - -	Provide 119 beds (part to replace existing condemned huts). Additions to quarters, Q.A.I.M.N.S.	£ 35,700 1,000	£ — 200	£ — —	£ — 36,900	£ — —	No. — —
Canterbury - -	Conversion of isolation hospital into reception station and addition of itch ward.	1,500	200	—	1,700	—	133
Dover - -	Remodelling and provision of treatment room.	10,000	200	—	10,200	—	31
Lydd - -	Conversion to reception station -	800	200	250	1,250	—	14
Hythe - -	- - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	16
Hounslow - -	Remodelling - - - Treatment block - - Isolation hospital - -	5,000 1,500 12,000	300 — —	— — —	6,800 12,000 —	— 12,000 —	— — —
Kingston - -	Conversion into reception station	600	100	250	950	—	15
Mill Hill - -	Reception station has been provided. Mortuary and itch ward.	1,500	—	250	1,750	—	—
Chatham - -	New hospital - - -	62,100	—	—	62,100	58,000	199
Gravesend - -	Conversion to reception station -	450	50	—	500	—	11
Maidstone - -	New reception station and itch ward.	2,450	150	250	2,850	—	25
Sheerness - -	Conversion to reception station -	1,050	50	—	1,100	—	41
Colchester - -	Minor alterations, new treatment block and N.S. quarters.	3,000	250	—	3,250	—	17
Ipswich - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	100	250	1,100	—	11
Bury St. Edmunds -	" " -	750	50	250	1,050	—	21
Harwich - -	New reception station - -	1,350	150	—	1,500	—	6
Landguard - -	" " - -	1,350	—	—	1,350	—	4
Warley - -	Remodelling - - -	5,000	100	—	5,100	—	11
Shoeburyness - -	Conversion to reception station -	1,050	100	—	1,150	—	23
Eastbourne - -	Conversion and extension, and improvements to mortuary.	3,000	—	—	3,000	—	—
Brighton - -	New hospital - - -	15,750	—	—	15,750	—	28
Chichester - -	Conversion to reception station -	1,200	100	250	1,550	—	28
Newhaven - -	- - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	7
Bedford - -	Remodelling - - -	1,800	100	250	2,150	—	16
Norwich - -	Remodelling and mortuary improvements.	2,500	—	250	2,750	—	9
Yarmouth - -	Conversion to reception station -	900	100	250	1,250	—	20
Northampton - -	Remodelling and mortuary -	2,000	—	250	2,250	—	—
Weedon - -	Conversion to reception station -	1,200	100	250	1,550	—	15
Herbert Hospital -	Remodelling of annexes, &c. -	10,000	—	—	10,000	—	—
	Total - - -	187,250	2,600	3,000	192,850	70,000	701

LONDON DISTRICT.

Station.	Number of Beds required in future for			Proposed Method of Transport.	Requirements for	
	Medical and Surgical Cases.	Infectious.	Itch.		Mortuary.	Disinfectory.
MILLBANK - -	A new first-grade hospital of 228 beds has been provided for London, &c.	To Hounslow Isolation Hospital.	—	—	Being provided.	
Caterham - -	(b) 4 general and 1 observation.	To civil hospital if possible.	(a) 3	Motor ambulance.	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
Windsor Infantry -	4 general and 1 observation	To new isolation hospital at Hounslow.	3	"	"	To be provided.
ROCHESTER ROW	To be converted into a venereal and itch hospital (99 beds).	—	—	—	"	Maintain existing Thresh.

(a) These have been recently provided by reappropriation of old infectious block.

(b) By conversion of existing hospital.

Station.	Remarks.	Estimated Cost of			Total.	Funds available.	Beds given up.
		Main Building.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfectory.			
Millbank - -	New hospital nearly completed -	£ 130,000	£ —	—	£ 130,000	£ 130,000	No. —
Rochester Row -	Conversion to venereal hospital, with treatment block, &c.	3 000	—	—	3,000	M.W.L. 3,000	61
St. John's Wood -	Closed - - - -	—	—	—	—	B.A.E. 05/6.	15
Tower - -	" - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	6
Caterham - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	100	—	850	—	39
Windsor (Infantry) -	New reception station - -	3,600	—	—	3,600	—	35
" (Household Cavalry).	New hospital - - -	25,000	—	—	25,000	25,000 M.W.L.	24
	Total - - -	162,350	100	—	162,450	158,000	180

NORTHERN COMMAND.

				BEDS REQUIRED.		
				Medical and Surgical.	Venereal.	Total.
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE (43 + 21 in huts)				34	17	51
M., S., V., and I.						
(64)	(5)	(11)				
Newcastle	Tynemouth	Carlisle				
32/970	6/200	7/190				
YORK (110)				110	55	165
M., S., V., and I.						
(110)	(5)	(15)	(32)			
York	Richmond	Beverley	Leeds			
(including	10/287	12/323	11/290			
(5)Strensall						
79/2102						
LEEDS (32)						
V. and I.						
(14)	(48)					
Halifax	Pontefract					
12/275	23/695					
SEAFORTH (23)				12	5	17
M., S., V., and I. (23)						
Seaforth						
8/455						
PRESTON (55)				33	17	50
M., S., V., and I.						
(55)	(14)					
Preston	Lancaster					
19/1000	10/318					
SHEFFIELD (56)				59	29	88
M. and S.						
(56)	(26)	(32)	(16)			
Sheffield	Warrington	Manchester	Ashton			
31/965	23/332	10/161	12/333			
WARRINGTON (26)						
V. and I.						
(16)						
Bury						
15/344						
SCARBOROUGH (16)				7	3	10
M., S., V., and I. (C)						
(16)						
Scarborough						
10/320						
FLEETWOOD (32)				6	3	9
M., S., V., and I. (C)						
(32)						
Fleetwood						
6/268						

* Closed.

NORTHERN COMMAND.

Newcastle-on-Tyne.—An addition of 12 beds must be made to this hospital, the hut accommodation (21 beds) having been absolutely condemned. To make the hospital efficient it will be necessary to introduce new floors to a large extent, to make the stairs of stone, to provide a better office, a recruiting room, an operation theatre, and a new kitchen, and to bring the sanitary arrangements up to date (Adv. Bd. Insp. Report, 1903).

York.—This hospital requires the addition of about 28 beds for venereal and itch cases, and 4 for Officers. The sanitary blocks should be overhauled to bring them up to date, and an operation theatre and a clinical laboratory should be provided. Balconies with panic stairs are required as a means of escape from fire on the upper floor. The hot-water supply is defective throughout the building. The accommodation for Q.A.I.M.N.S. might be provided by the reappropriation of the infectious hospital. New accommodation is wanted for the R.A.M.C. 15,000*l.* is included in B.A.E. for the additions to this hospital.

Leeds.—Of the beds existing three will be required for a reception station and two for itch cases. Treatment rooms must be contrived.

Preston.—This hospital must have much done to it to bring it up to date, *e.g.*, operation theatre, treatment rooms, and revision of drainage. The number of beds is somewhat over requirements, but the surplus will probably be absorbed in remodelling.

Sheffield.—The wards in this hospital will need considerable structural alterations, and an operation theatre must be provided. The itch cases may be accommodated in the infectious block.

Warrington.—In remodelling, a treatment room must be provided.

NORTHERN COMMAND.

Station.	Number of Beds required in future for			Proposed Method of Transport.	Requirements for	
	Medical and Surgical Cases.	Infectious.	Itch.		Mortuary.	Disinfectory.
NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.	Second-grade hospital, 34 M. and S. + 17 V.	To civil hospital	4	—	Improve existing building. None	To be provided.
Tynemouth - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	To civil hospital	0	Rail or ambulance.	None	None.
Carlisle - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	Rail	Improve existing building.	"
YORK - - -	First-grade hospital, 133 beds, including 23 for venereal.	"	4	—	"	New disinfectory required.
Strensall - -	2 general and 1 observation	"	0	Ambulance	None	None.
Richmond - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	Rail	Improve existing building.	"
Beverley - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	To be provided.
LEEDS - - -	(b)2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	"
Bradford - -	Existing arrangements to remain in view of probable early closing of the station.	—	—	—	—	—
Halifax - - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	To civil hospital	2	Rail	Improve existing building.	None.
Pontefract - -	(a)3 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	To be provided.
SEAFORTH - -	Second-grade hospital of 12 M. and S. + 5 V.	"	2	—	"	"
PRESTON - -	Second-grade hospital of 33 M. and S. + 17 V.	"	4	—	"	Maintain existing Thresh.
Lancaster - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	Rail	"	To be provided.
SHEFFIELD -	Second-grade hospital, 59 M. and S.	"	3	-	"	"
WARRINGTON -	(b)3 general and 1 observation.	"	2	Rail	"	"
Manchester - -	2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	None.
Ashton - - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	"
Bury - - -	(a)2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	"
SCARBOROUGH -	Second-grade hospital, 7 M. and S., 3 V. and convalescents.	if possible.	2	—	"	"
FLEETWOOD -	Second-grade hospital, 6 M. and S., 3 V. and convalescents.	2	0	—	"	"

(a) Reception station by conversion of existing hospital.

(b) " " " " balance of accommodation to be used for venereal.

NORTHERN COMMAND.

Station.	Remarks.	Estimated Cost of			Total.	Funds available.	Beds given up.
		Main Building.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfectior.			
Newcastle-on Tyne -	Remodelling and treatment block	£ 8,000	£ 250	£ 250	£ 8,500	£ —	No. 10
Tynemouth - -	Conversion to reception station -	150	—	—	150	—	2
Carlisle - - -	" " " -	750	100	—	850	—	6
York - - -	Addition of about 32 beds -	15,000	—	—	15,000	{ 15,000 B.A.F. (£6,000 in 05/06.) }	—
	Conversion of isolation hospital -	500	—	—	500		—
	New R.A.M.C. block - -	4,000	250	250	4,500		—
Strensall - -	New reception station - -	1,350	—	—	1,350	—	6
Richmond - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	50	—	800	—	10
Beverley - -	" " " -	750	50	250	1,050	—	10
Leeds - -	Remodelling and provision of treatment block.	2,000	100	250	2,350	—	—
Bradford - -	Closed - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	14
Halifax - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	50	—	800	—	9
Pontefract - -	" " " -	900	100	250	1,250	—	42
Seaforth - -	Remodelling, &c. - -	2,000	100	250	2,350	—	6
Preston - -	" " - - - -	5,000	250	—	5,250	—	5
Lancaster - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	100	250	1,100	—	9
Sheffield - -	Remodelling, &c. - -	3,500	250	250	4,000	—	—
Warrington - -	" " and treatment block.	2,500	—	—	2,500	—	—
Manchester - -	New reception station and itch ward.	2,250	250	—	2,500	—	32
Ashton - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	100	—	850	—	11
Bury - - -	" " " -	750	100	—	850	—	11
Scarborough - -	Remodelling, &c. - - -	500	100	—	600	—	—
Fleetwood - -	" " - - -	500	100	—	600	—	—
	Total - - - -	53,400	2,300	2,000	57,700	15,000	183

SCOTTISH COMMAND.

		BEDS REQUIRED.		
		Medical and Surgical.	Venereal.	Total.
EDINBURGH CASTLE (58) AND GLENCORSE (28)		70	35	105
M., S., and I. M., S., V., and I.				
(28)	(58)			
Glencorse	Edinburgh			
12/289	85/2000			
	*			
	Leith Fort			
	8/214			
	(11)			
	Berwick			
	5/261			
GLASGOW (57) HAMILTON (30)		46	23	69
M., S., and I. V. and I.				
(57)	(30)			
Glasgow	Hamilton			
81/1008	21/577			
	(13)			
	Ayr			
	9/263			
† FORT GEORGE (34)		35	18	53
M., S., V., and I.				
(34)	(15)			
Fort George	Inverness			
35/1119	10/278			
† ABERDEEN (18)		18	9	27
M., S., V., and I.				
(18)				
Aberdeen				
18/691				
PERTH (28)		18	9	27
M., S., V., and I.				
(28)	(23)			
Perth	Stirling			
11/291	10/395			

* Closed.

† A new hospital to be built.

Edinburgh Castle.—This hospital, owing to its position, cannot be materially extended; a proposal for the addition of an operation theatre has already been approved by the Army Hospitals Committee, the cost of which will be defrayed by the Office of Works. The infectious hospital (five beds) can be used for itch cases.

Glencorse will need the addition of 19 beds for men, and two beds for Officers should be provided either here or by reappropriation at Edinburgh Castle. The hospital lends itself to convenient extension, and will require an operation theatre and treatment rooms.

Glasgow.—Here the beds are in excess of requirements. An operation theatre must be added. The infectious ward is available for itch cases.

Hamilton.—Here treatment rooms will be wanted. The isolation ward is available for itch cases.

Fort George.—Here a new hospital is required; the present building is unsuitable for the treatment of the sick; land is available. An itch ward is required, and an operation theatre.

Aberdeen.—The present building is condemned as entirely unsuited for the sick, and a new hospital is recommended, not only for the comfort and efficient treatment of the sick, but as a matter of policy in a University town where medical graduates may be attracted to the Service.

Perth.—This hospital has an adequate number of beds, but “is an old building adapted under obsolete conditions for the treatment of the sick” (Adv. Bd. Insp. Report, 1903). The infectious ward is available for itch cases.

SCOTTISH COMMAND.

Station.	Number of Beds required in future for			Proposed Method of Transport.	Requirements for	
	Medical and Surgical Cases.	Infectious.	Itch.		Mortuary.	Disinfectory.
GLENCORSE -	A second-grade hospital to relieve Edinburgh Castle, requiring 47 beds M.S. and V.	To civil hospital if possible.	1	Motor ambulance.	Improve existing building.	To be provided.
EDINBURGH CASTLE.	A first-grade hospital, 58 beds M. and S.	To civil hospital	2	—	—	—
Leith Fort - -	- - -	—	—	—	—	—
Berwick - -	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	—	1	Rail	Improve existing building.	To be provided (small).
GLASGOW - -	A second-grade hospital, 46 M. and S.	—	3	—	—	To be provided.
HAMILTON - -	A second-grade hospital, 23 V. and reception station, 3 + 1.	—	2	—	—	—
Ayr - - -	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	—	1	Rail	—	Nil.
FORT GEORGE -	A second-grade hospital, 35 M. and S. + 18 V.	—	2	—	Improve existing building.	To be provided.
Inverness - -	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	—	2	Rail	—	—
ABERDEEN - -	A second-grade hospital, 18 M. and S. + 9 V.	—	2	—	—	—
PERTH - - -	A second-grade hospital, 18 M. and S. + 9 V.	—	1	—	—	—
Stirling - - -	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	—	1	Rail	—	—

(a) By conversion of existing hospital.

Station.	Remarks.	Estimated Cost of			Total.	Funds available.	Beds given up.
		Main Building.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfectory.			
Edinburgh Castle -	New operation theatre - -	£ —*	£ —	£ —	£ —	—	No. —
Glencorse - -	Extension (20 beds) - -	8,000	250	250	8,500	—	—
Leith Fort - -	Closed - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	18
Berwick - -	Conversion to reception station -	600	100	250	950	—	7
Glasgow - -	Remodelling - - -	3,000	250	250	3,500	—	8
Hamilton - -	„ and treatment block	1,500	100	250	1,850	—	—
Ayr - - -	Conversion to reception station -	600	—	—	600	—	9
Fort George - -	New hospital - - -	24,750	—	—	24,750	—	34
Inverness - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	100	250	1,100	—	10
Aberdeen - -	New hospital - - -	18,900	—	—	18,900	—	18
Perth - - -	Remodelling - - -	3,000	250	250	3,500	—	—
Stirling - - -	Conversion to reception station and remodelling itch ward.	750	100	250	1,100	—	20
	Total - - -	56,850	1,150	1,750	59,750	—	124

* Cost will be defrayed by Office of Works.

SOUTHERN COMMAND.

		BEDS REQUIRED.			
		Medical and Surgical.	Veneral.	Total.	
PORTSMOUTH (217) M., S., and V.		162	81	243	
(217) Portsmouth (including Portsdown Hill and Spit Forts) 176/4830					
HILSEA (49) V. and I.					
(180) Gosport 50/1630					
GOLDEN HILL (20) Convalescents		32	16	48	
PARKHURST (79) M., S., V., and I.					
Isle of Wight 41/1247					
*WINCHESTER M., S., V., and I.		58	-29	87 + 2 officers	
(25) Winchester 38/1048	(30) Portland 15/530	(17) Weymouth 13/225	(26) Dorchester 15/400	(9) Christchurch 3/118	Hurst Castle /30
DEVONPORT (341) M., S., V., and I.		170	85	255	
(341) Devonport 170/5340	(18) Fort Tregantle	(12) Falmouth 5/183	(32) Bodmin 13/280	(20) Exeter 27/708	(25) Taunton 10/266
DEVIZES (28) M., S., V., and I.		21	11	32	
(4) Trowbridge 5/140		(28) Devizes 11/292	(32) Bristol 12/425		
OXFORD (40) M., S., V., and I.		24	12	36	
(28 + 12 (huts)) Oxford 12/400		(28) Reading 12/275	(28) Worcester 11/275		
*TIDWORTH M. and S. 227/5480		208	104	312	
BULFORD (236) V. and I. 70/2800					
 Salisbury Plain					
WARWICK (14) M., S., V., and I.		15	7	22†	
(14) Warwick 12/580	(8) Birmingham 6/143	(17) Coventry 5/143			

* A new hospital to be built.

† 22 + 11 = 33, if Birmingham and Coventry barracks are retained for troops.

SOUTHERN COMMAND.

Portsmouth.—The new hospital (The Alexandra Hospital) has been principally built out of funds provided by the Admiralty on the taking over by that Department of the Portsmouth Hospital. The estimated total cost is 116,000*l.*, of which 16,000*l.* is on B.A.E., Part I. (10,000*l.* in 1905-6).

Hilsea.—At this hospital the sanitary blocks will require remodelling, with the addition of a treatment block.

Gosport Hospital, with its 180 beds, will be given up, a reception station being retained.

Parkhurst.—Here the beds are much in excess of requirements, and the building, which was originally a substantial dwelling-house, though adaptable for a hospital, will demand extensive remodelling, *e.g.*, modern annexes, additional windows, new staircases, and stairways of escape from fire.

Winchester.—The old building has been emphatically condemned, and a new and excellent site on the outskirts of the town secured on lease, with option of purchase. Plans are in course of preparation; 45,000*l.* is included for the service in M.W.L. programme.

Devonport.—A scheme has been approved for remodelling the present hospital, which by various reappropriations provides all needed accommodation, including quarters for the increased female nursing staff.

Falmouth.—At this station the existing hospital may be given up, and a reception station can be contrived by reappropriation of married quarters in the castle.

Devizes.—The beds at this hospital, though somewhat fewer than scale requirements, will suffice. The hospital itself can be brought up to date at a moderate expense.

Oxford.—The present hut will suffice for venereal cases, and the main building for medical and surgical cases, with the addition of an operation theatre. The infectious block will serve for itch cases.

Tidworth.—The plans for this hospital, already approved, provide for 230 beds, including a special ward with cubicle arrangement for officers. An infectious hospital and a nursing home are also to be constructed close to the main hospital on an excellent site approved by the Army Sanitary and Army Hospitals Committees, and originally designed for the R.E. barracks. It was at one time intended to construct a hospital at Tidworth of 596 beds, and another at Bulford, the sums of 100,000*l.* and 54,000*l.* respectively being included in M.W.L. for these services. It will be seen that under the Committee's proposals the beds at Tidworth have been very materially reduced, and some considerable economy should be effected by utilising the hut hospital at Bulford so far as available for venereal cases, the administrative and treatment blocks being built in permanent materials. 135,000*l.* has been included in the Committee's M.W.L. proposals, which it is hoped will cover the cost of the hospital at Tidworth, together with infectious and families hospitals.

Bulford.—Of the 18 huts containing 236 beds, 12 of Doecker type have been condemned for occupation after the warm weather of the present year. The other huts—96 beds—are in good condition, and when the administrative section has been provided for in a new block, the huts thus set at liberty will provide the balance of beds required (28), with needed accommodation for the R.A.M.C. The new buildings will comprise, in addition to the administrative block, a kitchen, bath-rooms, and treatment rooms for gonorrhœa and syphilis.

Warwick.—It is not proposed to extend the accommodation at Warwick by the eight beds required by scale, as it is believed that any serious cases in excess of accommodation will be more cheaply treated in the civil hospital. The infectious block will be available for itch cases.

The **Royal Victoria Hospital at Netley** (871 beds) will remain for the reception of soldiers invalided from abroad, and no alteration is suggested in the number of beds. Very important improvements have recently been effected at this hospital, including the provision of excellent quarters for the Nursing Staff, but nevertheless, much remains to be done in the way of radical structural alterations to bring the wards up to the level of modern requirements, and the Director of Barrack Construction is of opinion that the cost should be estimated at not less than 250,000*l.*

SOUTHERN COMMAND.

Station.	Number of Beds required in future for			Proposed Method of Transport.	Requirements for	
	Medical and Surgical Cases.	Infectious.	Itch.		Mortuary.	Disinfecter.
PORTSMOUTH	The new Alexandra Hospital is nearly completed; 217 beds M. and S. and V.	In infectious block.	To Hilsea	Tram or other ambulance.	Is being provided.	Is being provided.
HILSEA	V. Hospital relieving the Alexandra Hospital.	To Alexandra Hospital.	10	"	None	To be provided.
Gosport	3 general and 1 observation	"	To Hilsea	"	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
PARKHURST	A second-grade hospital, 32 M. and S., 16 V.	To Golden Hill	2	—	"	"
Golden Hill	(b) 3 general and 1 observation.	4	0	—	Maintain existing building.	None.
Sandown	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	To Golden Hill	0	Rail	None	"
WINCHESTER	A new first-grade hospital, 58 M. and S., 29 V.—2 officers.	To civil hospital	4	—	To be provided.	To be provided.
Portland	(a) 3 general and 1 observation.	2	2	Rail and ambulance.	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
Weymouth	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	To civil hospital	0	Rail	"	None.
Dorchester	(a) 3 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	To be provided.
Christchurch	(c) 2 general and 1 observation.	"	0	"	None	None.
Hurst Castle	Nil	"	0	"	"	"
DEVONPORT	A first-grade hospital, 170 M. and S., 85 V. and I. + 5 officers.	" if possible.	8	—	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Manlove and Alliot.
Fort Tregantle	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	"	0	Horse ambulance.	None	None.
Falmouth	(d) 2 general and 1 observation.	—	0	Rail	To be provided.	"
Bodmin	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	2	0	"	Maintain existing building.	"
Exeter	(a) 4 general and 1 observation.	To civil hospital	2	"	Improve existing building.	To be provided.
Taunton	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	"
DEVIZES	A second-grade hospital, 21 M. and S. + 11 V.	"	2	—	"	"
Trowbridge	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	"	0	Rail	None	None.
Bristol	(a) 3 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	Improve existing building.	To be provided.
OXFORD	A second-grade hospital, 24 M. and S. + 12 V.	2	2	—	"	Maintain existing Thresh.
Reading	2 general and 1 observation	To civil hospital if possible.	2	Rail	"	None
Worcester	2 general and 1 observation	To civil hospital	2	"	"	"
TIDWORTH	See notes on pages 18 and 19.					
BULFORD	A second-grade venereal hospital, 104 + reception station, 9 + 1, with small operation room.	To Tidworth	10	Horse ambulance.	"	Maintain existing Thresh.
WARWICK	(e) A second-grade hospital, 15 M. and S. + 7 V.	To civil hospital	2	—	"	"
Birmingham	} It is understood that troops are to be withdrawn from these stations.					
Coventry						

(a) Reception station by conversion from existing hospital.

(b) " " " balance for convalescents.

(c) Practically already exists, but must be modified and improved.

(d) By reappropriation of married quarters in the castle.

(e) See notes on pages 18 and 19.

SOUTHERN COMMAND.

Station.	Remarks.	Estimated Cost of			Total.	Funds available.	Beds given up.
		Main Building.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfectors.			
		£	£	£	£	£	No.
Portsmouth - -	New hospital in course of construction.	116,000	—	—	116,000	*116,000	211
Hilsea - - -	Remodelling - - -	3,000	—	—	3,000	—	—
Gosport - -	New reception station - -	1,800	100	—	1,900	—	180
Parkhurst - -	Remodelling - - -	5,000	250	—	5,250	—	31
Sandown - -	Conversion to reception station -	450	—	—	450	—	9
Golden Hill - -	" " " -	600	—	—	600	—	—
Winchester - -	New hospital - - -	41,850	—	—	41,850	45,000 M.W.L.	25
Portland - -	Conversion to reception station -	900	100	—	1,000	—	24
Weymouth - -	" " " -	450	100	—	550	—	14
Dorchester - -	" " " -	900	100	250	1,250	—	20
Christchurch - -	" " " -	450	—	—	450	—	6
Devonport - -	Remodelling and reappropriations and treatment block.	7,000	250	—	7,250	—	86
Fort Tregantle -	Conversion to reception station -	450	—	—	450	—	15
Falmouth - -	" " " -	200	250	—	450	—	12
Bodmin - -	" " " -	450	—	—	450	—	29
Exeter - -	" " " -	1,050	100	250	1,400	—	13
Taunton - -	" " " -	750	100	250	1,100	—	20
Devizes - -	Remodelling, &c. - - -	1,000	100	250	1,350	—	—
Trowbridge - -	Conversion to reception station -	450	—	—	450	—	1
Bristol - -	" " " -	900	100	250	1,250	—	26
Oxford - -	Remodelling, &c. - - -	2,000	100	—	2,100	—	4
Reading - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	100	—	850	—	25
Worcester - -	" " " -	750	100	—	850	—	25
Tidworth - -	New hospital to be provided -	135,000	—	—	135,000	135,000 M.W.L.	—
Bulford - -	Remodelling and treatment block, &c.	5,000	—	—	5,000	—	112
Warwick - -	Remodelling - - -	1,000	100	—	1,100	—	—
Birmingham - -	Closed - - -	—	—	—	—	—	8
Coventry - -	" - - -	—	—	—	—	—	17
Netley - -	Remodelling - - -	250,000	—	—	250,000	—	—
	Total - - -	578,150	1,950	1,250	581,350	*296,000	913

* £100,000 provided by Admiralty, £16,000 in B.A.E.

WELSH AND MIDLAND COMMAND.

			BEDS REQUIRED.		
			Medical and Surgical.	Venereal.	Total.
LICHFIELD (72)			66	34	100
M., S., V., and I.					
(72)					
Lichfield					
67/2630					
WREXHAM (28)			23	11	34
M., S., V., and I.					
(28)	(11)	(15)			
Wrexham	Chester	Shrewsbury			
13/277	25/350	12/273			
LEICESTER (32)			18	8	26
M., S., V., and I.					
(32)	(15)				
Leicester	Derby				
15/406	12/293				
LINCOLN (C) (26)			8	4	12
M., S., V., and I.					
(26)					
Lincoln					
12/284					
CARDIFF (28)			18	9	27
M., S., V., and I.					
(28)	(34)				
Cardiff	Newport				
14/295	13/412				
BRECON (24)			7	3	10
M., S., V., and I.					
(24)					
Brecon					
17/250					
PEMBROKE DOCK (62)			27	14	41
M., S., V., and I.					
(62)					
Pembroke Dock					
35/1064					

WELSH AND MIDLAND COMMAND.

Lichfield.—This hospital will require extension, and being the principal hospital of the command, will be nursed by Q.A.I.M.N.S. It is a modern building, but possesses no operation theatre.

Wrexham.—Some extension may be wanted here, which, if necessary, could possibly be obtained by lengthening the wards with remodelling of annexes. The isolation block will provide for itch cases.

Chester.—It will probably be better to construct a new reception station rather than to convert the existing hospital, which consists of a brick-built private house.

Leicester.—The hospital is a modern building, with some slight excess of beds over scale. An operation room must be added, with conveniences for the treatment of venereal disease. The isolation block will serve for itch cases.

Lincoln.—This hospital will be retained for the needs of the station (12 beds), the balance of accommodation being available for convalescents. The isolation block will serve for itch cases. An operation theatre will be required.

Cardiff.—The isolation block at this hospital, which is usually available for itch cases in stations where the civil authorities will receive infectious cases, has been reappropriated for R.A.M.C. It will, therefore, be necessary either to revert to original arrangements, or to provide for itch cases elsewhere. An operation theatre will be wanted, and a small treatment room for venereal disease.

Brecon.—This hospital is retained, as it is impracticable on account of distance and want of facilities to transfer patients to Cardiff. The present isolation block is condemned, and beds for itch must be provided within the main building.

Pembroke Dock.—Plans for a new hospital are in hand, on a site approved by the Army Sanitary and Army Hospitals Committees. 22,000*l.* is included in M.W.L. programme. The present hospital is most emphatically condemned, and the erection of the new hospital should be pressed forward with the least possible delay.

WELSH AND MIDLAND COMMAND.

Station.	Number of Beds required in future for			Proposed Method of Transport.	Requirements for	
	Medical and Surgical Cases.	Infectious.	Itch.		Mortuary.	Disinfectory.
LICHFIELD	- A first-grade hospital, 66 M. and S. + 34 V.	To civil hospital if possible.	4	—	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
WREXHAM	- A second-grade hospital, 23 M. and S. + 11 V.	To civil hospital	3	—	"	To be provided.
Chester	- (a) 2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	Rail	"	None.
Shrewsbury	- (a) 2 general and 1 observation.	" if possible.	2	"	"	"
LEICESTER	- A second-grade hospital, 18 M. and S. + 8 V.	To civil hospital	2	—	"	To be provided.
Derby	- (a) 2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	Rail	"	None.
LINCOLN	- A second-grade hospital, 8 M. and S. + 4 V., with balance for convalescents.	"	2	—	"	To be provided.
CARDIFF	- A second-grade hospital, 18 M. and S. + 9 V.	"	2	—	"	"
Newport	- (a) 3 general and 1 observation.	"	2	Rail	"	None.
BRECON	- A second-grade hospital, 7 M. and S. + 3 V.	" if possible.	2	—	"	To be provided.
PEMBROKE DOCK	A new second-grade hospital, 27 M. and S. + 14 V.	To civil hospital	4	—	To be provided.	Maintain existing Thresh.

(a) Reception station by conversion from existing hospital.

WELSH AND MIDLAND COMMAND.

Station.	Remarks.	Estimated cost of			Total.	Funds available.	Beds given up.
		Main Building.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfecter.			
Lichfield - - -	Extension, 32 beds, nurses home	£ 10,000	£ 250	£ —	£ 10,250	£ —	No. —
Wrexham - - -	Remodelling - - -	2,000	100	250	2,350	—	—
Chester - - -	New reception station - -	2,250	200	—	2,450	—	11
Shrewsbury - -	Conversion to reception station, &c.	750	100	—	850	—	12
Leicester - - -	Remodelling - - -	1,000	100	250	1,350	—	6
Derby - - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	100	—	850	—	12
Lincoln - - -	" " " -	800	100	250	1,150	—	—
Cardiff - - -	Remodelling, &c. - - -	1,750	100	250	2,100	—	—
Newport - - -	Conversion to reception station -	900	100	—	1,000	—	30
Brecon - - -	Remodelling - - -	1,500	100	250	1,850	—	12
Pembroke Dock -	New hospital - - -	22,000	—	—	22,000	22,000	62
	Total - - -	43,700	1,250	1,250	46,200	22,000	145

IRISH COMMAND—7th DIVISION.

										BEDS REQUIRED.				
DUBLIN										Medical and	Venereal.	Total.		
										Surgical.				
ATHLONE (35)		(ARBOUR HILL)		PORTOBELLO (71)						183	92	275		
V. and I.		50 M. and S. 28 I.		V. and I.										
		M. and S.												
(35)		(17)	(30)	(10)					(2)					
Athlone	Dublin	Galway	Mullingar	Longford	Lusk	Navan	Wicklow		Wexford					
18/438	180/5360	13/438	26/824	8/173	/26	/18	?		/18					
CURRAGH (224)		NEWBRIDGE (38) AND NAAS (24)								186	93	279		
M., S., V., and I.				V. and I.										
(224)	(38)	(24)	(6)	(38)	(29)									
Curragh	Newbridge	Naas	Kildare	Carlow	Birr	Kilkenny	Maryborough							
150/4300	30/890	8/252	40/1020	/18	13/520	16/430	/18							

IRISH COMMAND—7TH DIVISION.

Dublin, Arbour Hill.—This hospital, which is a new building of 50 beds, will serve as a nucleus only for the Central Hospital of 183 beds for medical and surgical cases. The old itch block can be given up, and is perhaps convertible into R.A.M.C. quarters. A certain amount of land around the hospital is available for extension, and the D.B.C. has been asked to report as to whether it is sufficient for all needs, including quarters for Q.A.I.M.N.S. The present nursing staff quarters at the Royal Infirmary will be convenient for R.A.M.C. Officers' quarters; the Royal Infirmary itself, which has been repeatedly condemned, will be abandoned as a hospital. The existing infectious hospital at Arbour Hill is of modern construction and reasonably adequate to requirements. 63,000*l.* is included in M.W.L. programme for the additions necessary at Arbour Hill.

Portobello.—This hospital has been much improved of recent years, but will require a remodelling of the annexes, and the addition of a venereal treatment block.

Athlone.—This hospital will need entire remodelling, being composed of two of the old regimental hospitals knocked into one, with the separate staircases remaining (Adv. Bd. Insp. Report, 1903).

Galway and Mullingar.—At these stations small hospitals are retained in consequence of their distance from the Central Hospital in Dublin.

Curragh.—This is a modern hospital, the annexes of which require remodelling to bring them into accord with the latest requirements. There is no clinical laboratory, and a treatment room must be contrived for venereal patients. The infectious hospital, which has just been handed over for occupation, is already condemned as erected upon an unsuitable site, unduly close to the main hospital. It has no separate kitchen, and, in the words of the last Advisory Board Report (1904), "the use of this building as an infectious hospital for the garrison at the Curragh is open to serious criticism." The R.A.M.C. Officers' mess is in a series of decayed wooden huts, very damp, inconvenient, and really unfit for occupation. The infectious huts just vacated are described as "in very bad repair, and quite unsuited for the purpose," and should be destroyed. Additional quarters for Q.A.I.M.N.S. will be required when the staff of five now employed is increased to the number necessary for nursing and instructional purposes. Provision will also have to be made for itch cases, which have hitherto been treated in "an old hut, and the arrangements made for their cure were most discreditable" (Adv. Bd. Report).

Newbridge.—A new reception station will be required. The wards must be remodelled, a treatment block added, and new quarters for R.A.M.C. provided.

Naas.—Here it may be practicable to convert the isolation ward into a reception station. A treatment block is wanted, and the sanitary annexes must be remodelled.

Kildare.—A new reception station will be required.

Birr.—Much will require to be done here; the sanitary arrangements are reported to be "not good, the only bath is out in a shed in a yard, and there is no hot-water supply" (Adv. Bd. Report, 1904).

Kilkenny.—Here the building is old and unsuitable, but with room enough for the addition of sanitary annexes, &c. The isolation block, which must be retained, will also require remodelling.

IRISH COMMAND—7TH DIVISION.

Station.	Number of Beds required in future for			Proposed Method of Transport.	Requirements for	
	Medical and Surgical Cases.	Infectious.	Itch.		Mortuary.	Disinfectory.
DUBLIN (Arbour Hill).	To be extended to form a first-grade hospital, 183, M. and S.	To present hospital.	To Portobello hospital.	—	To be provided.	Maintain existing Equifex.
„ (Portobello)	To be converted into a second-grade hospital for venereal and itch.	To Arbour Hill.	„	—	—	—
„ (Richmond)	To be closed.	„	„	—	—	—
ATHLONE - -	4 + 1, balance of accommodation for venereal.	2	2	Rail	Improve existing building.	To be provided.
Galway - -	(a) A third-grade hospital, 9 + 1, with small operation room.	To civil hospital if possible.	2	„	„	„
Mullingar - -	(a) A third-grade hospital, 9 + 1, with small operation room.	2	„	„	„	Maintain existing Thresh.
Longford - -	(b) 3 + 1 - - -	To civil hospital if possible.	0	„	None	None.
Lusk - - -	No special provision required at present.	—	—	—	—	—
Navan - - -						
Wicklow - -						
Wexford - -						
CURRAGH - -	A first-grade hospital, 186, M. and S., 3 officers and 35 venereal and itch.	Improve existing accommodation.	6	—	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing W. Lyon.
NEWBRIDGE - -	2 + 1, balance of accommodation for venereal.	To Curragh	To Curragh	Horse ambulance.	„	To be provided.
NAAS - - -	(b) 2 + 1, balance of accommodation for venereal.	„	„	„	Maintain existing building.	None.
Kildare - -	2 + 1 - - -	„	„	„	None	To be provided.
Carlow - - -	Sick to the Curragh.	—	—	—	—	—
Birr - - -	(a) A third-grade hospital, 9 + 1, with small operation room.	To civil hospital	2	Rail	Maintain existing building.	To be provided.
Kilkenny - -	(b) 5 + 1 - - -	3	2	„	„	„
Maryborough - -	Sick to Curragh.	—	—	—	—	—

(a) By conversion of existing hospital.

(b) Reception station by conversion of existing hospital.

IRISH COMMAND—7TH DIVISION.

Station.	Remarks.	Estimated Cost of			Total.	Funds available.	Beds given up.
		Main Building.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfectior.			
Dublin (Arbour Hill)	Extension (133 beds) - - -	£ 63,000	£ —	£ —	£ 63,000	£ 63,000 M.W.L.	No. 28 (itch).
„ Portobello -	Remodelling and treatment block.	3,000	—	—	3,000	—	—
„ Royal Infirmary.	To be closed - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	168
„ Richmond -	„ - - - -	—	—	—	—	—	44
Athlone - -	Remodelling, &c. - - -	4,000	100	250	4,350	—	—
Galway - -	Conversion, &c. - - -	1,800	100	250	2,150	—	7
Mullingar - -	„ - - - -	2,000	100	—	2,100	—	18
Longford - -	„ - - - -	750	—	—	750	—	6
Curragh - - -	New isolation hospital, clinical laboratory, treatment room, and additions to N.S. quarters, &c.	12,000	—	—	12,000	—	—
Newbridge - -	New reception station, and remodelling hospital, &c.	2,000	100	250	2,350	—	—
Naas - - -	Conversion to reception station, treatment room, &c.	1,000	—	—	1,000	—	—
Kildare - -	New reception station - -	1,350	—	250	1,600	—	—
Birr - - -	Remodelling, &c. - - -	2,000	—	250	2,250	—	23
Kilkenny - -	Conversion to reception station -	1,650	—	250	1,900	—	21
	Total - - - -	94,550	400	1,500	96,450	63,000	320

IRISH COMMAND—8th DIVISION.

BEDS REQUIRED.
Medical and
Surgical. Veneral. Total.

247 121 363

CORK (92) AND TIPPERARY (43)

M. and S.
V. and I.

(92)	(43)	(12)	(16)	(66)	(28)	(15)	(16)	(70)	(25)	(34)	(4)	(24)	(6)
Cork	Tipperary	Kinsale	Tralee	Limerick	Chonnel	Calir	Waterford	Pernoy	Ballincollig	Templemore	Bandon	Buttevant	Fethard
82/2340	24/814		9/314	33/1000	12/492	19/427	8/148	63/1928	29/570	25/820		25/820	

QUEENSTOWN (36)

M., S., V., and I.
Cases from ships—Cork Harbour

* New hospital to be built.

IRISH COMMAND—8TH DIVISION.

Mallow.—115,000*l.* is included in the M.W.L. programme for the new hospital to be erected here in accordance with the report of the Army Hospitals Committee already approved.

Cork Hospital will require very considerable remodelling, with the addition of a treatment block; if infectious cases are transferred to the civil hospital, the present accommodation can be utilised for the treatment of it.

Tipperary.—This is a comparatively modern hospital, the wards of which are in good condition, large and airy. A treatment room will be wanted and the mortuary, which was pulled down, must be reprovided. The isolation hospital is satisfactory.

Kinsale.—“ Was never intended for a hospital ” (Adv. Bd. Report, 1903). It will require considerable remodelling, and it may prove cheaper to erect a new building.

Limerick.—The building is good of its kind, adaptable for barrack purposes, so far as not required for a small hospital, the provision of which is rendered necessary by the distance from Mallow and indifferent transport facilities.

Cahir.—A new reception station may be required, as the existing hospital is “ old, and unfit for the purpose.”

Fermoy.—The hospital here is an old building, having been used formerly as a posting inn. It is not suitable for the purpose of a hospital. It will probably be cheaper here to provide a new hospital for other than infectious cases. The present infectious hospital is good.

Queenstown.—This hospital will require remodelling, with special attention to the annexes, as a considerable number of enteric cases are landed from the transports.

IRISH COMMAND—8TH DIVISION.

Station.	Number of Beds required in future for			Proposed Method of Transport.	Requirements for	
	Medical and Surgical Cases.	Infectious.	Itch.		Mortuary.	Disinfectory.
MALLOW - -	A new first-grade hospital with 242 beds for M. and S.	—	—	—	—	—
CORK - - -	(a) 7 general and 1 observation, balance of accommodation for V.	To civil hospital	4	Rail	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
TIPPERARY -	(a) 3 general and 1 observation.	2	2	"	"	To be provided.
Kinsale - -	(b) A third-grade hospital, 7 general and 1 observation.	2	2	"	"	Maintain existing Thresh.
Tralee - - -	(a) 3 general and 1 observation.	To civil hospital	1	"	"	"
Limerick - -	(b) A third-grade hospital, 7 general and 1 observation.	2	2	"	"	"
Clonmel - -	(a) 4 general and 1 observation.	To civil hospital	1	"	"	To be provided.
Fethard - -	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	0	0	"	None	None.
Cahir - - -	(a) 4 general and 1 observation.	2	1	"	Improve existing building.	To be provided.
Waterford -	(a) 2 general and 1 observation.	1	1	"	"	None.
Fermoy - -	A third-grade hospital, 7 general and 1 observation.	4	4	"	Maintain existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
Ballincollig -	(a) 3 general and 1 observation.	2	2	"	Improve existing building.	"
Templemore "	(a) 3 general and 1 observation.	2	2	"	"	To be provided.
Bandon - - -	Sick to Mallow.	—	—	—	—	—
Buttevant - -	(a) 3 general and 1 observation.	2	2	Rail	Improve existing building.	To be provided.
QUEENSTOWN -	A second-grade hospital	To civil hospital if possible.	0	—	"	Maintain existing Thresh.

(a) Reception station by conversion of existing hospital.

(b) By conversion of existing hospital.

IRISH COMMAND—8TH DIVISION.

Station.	Remarks.	Estimated Cost of			Total.	Funds available.	Beds given up.
		Main Building.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfectors.			
		£	£	£	£	£	No.
Mallow - - -	New hospital, 242 beds - -	115,000	—	—	115,000	115,000 M.W.L.	—
Cork - - -	Remodelling; treatment block, &c.	6,000	250	—	6,250	—	—
Tipperary - - -	„ „ „	2,500	250	250	3,000	—	—
Kinsale - - -	New third-grade hospital -	5,400	—	—	5,400	—	12
Tralee - - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	100	—	850	—	12
Limerick - - -	Remodelling, &c. - -	1,800	100	—	1,900	—	56
Clonmel - - -	Conversion to reception station -	900	100	250	1,250	—	23
Fethard - - -	„ „ „ -	450	—	—	450	—	3
Cahir - - -	New reception station - -	3,600	100	250	3,950	—	15
Waterford - - -	Conversion to reception station -	750	100	—	850	—	12
Fermoy - - -	New third-grade hospital - -	5,400	—	—	5,400	—	70
Ballincollig - - -	Conversion to reception station -	1,200	100	—	1,300	—	19
Templemore - - -	„ „ „ -	1,200	100	250	1,550	—	28
Buttevant - - -	„ „ „ -	1,200	100	250	1,550	—	18
Queenstown - - -	Remodelling - - -	2,000	—	—	2,000	—	—
	Total - - -	148,150	1,300	1,250	150,700	115,000	268

IRISH COMMAND—9TH DIVISION.

Station.	Number of Beds required in future for			Proposed Method of Transport.	Requirements for	
	Medical and Surgical Cases.	Infectious.	Itch.		Mortuary.	Disinfecter.
PORTADOWN	- A new first-grade hospital, 93 M. and S., + 2 officers.	—	—	—	—	—
HOLYWOOD	- (a) 5 general and 1 observation, balance of accommodation for convalescents.	3	2	Rail	Improve existing building.	Maintain existing Thresh.
BELFAST	- - (b) 5 general and 1 observation, and second-grade venereal hospital.	To civil hospital	4	"	"	To be provided.
Londonderry	- - (a) 4 general and 1 observation.	To civil hospital	2	"	"	To be provided.
Enniskillen	- - (a) 2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	"
Omagh	- - (a) 2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	"
Armagh	- - (a) 2 general and 1 observation.	"	2	"	"	"
Dundalk	- - (a) 2 general and 1 observation.	2	2	"	"	"

(a) Reception station by conversion of existing hospital.

(b) By conversion of existing hospital; the remaining accommodation to be converted into a venereal hospital of 46 beds.

Station.	Remarks.	Estimated Cost of			Total.	Funds available.	Beds given up.
		Main Buildings.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfecter.			
Portadown	- - New hospital, 95 beds - -	£ 57,000	£ —	£ —	£ 57,000	£ 57,000 M.W.L.	No. —
Hollywood	- - Conversion to reception station -	1,650	100	—	1,750	—	—
Belfast	- - Remodelling, treatment block, &c.	3,000	250	250	3,500	—	39
Londonderry	- - Conversion to reception station -	1,050	100	250	1,400	—	24
Enniskillen	- - " " " -	750	100	250	1,100	—	17
Omagh	- - " " " -	750	100	250	1,100	—	23
Armagh	- - " " " -	750	100	250	1,100	—	8
Dundalk	- - " " " -	1,050	100	250	1,400	—	11
	Total - - -	66,000	850	1,500	68,350	57,000	129

The financial effect of the proposals in the foregoing report is summarised in the subjoined table, from which it appears that to complete the Centralisation Scheme a sum is required of about a million and a half pounds, of which about eight hundred thousand pounds is already available under the various Military Works Loans and in B.A.E.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

	Estimated Cost of			Total.	Funds available.
	Main Building.	Mortuary Improvements.	Disinfectory.		
	£	£	£	£	£
Aldershot Command - - - - -	24,700	300	250	25,250	8,300
Eastern Command - - - - -	187,250	2,600	3,000	192,850	70,000
London District - - - - -	162,350	100	—	162,450	158,000
Northern Command - - - - -	53,400	2,300	2,000	57,700	15,000
Scottish Command - - - - -	56,850	1,150	1,750	59,750	—
Southern Command - - - - -	578,150	1,950	1,250	*581,350	*296,000
Welsh and Midland Command - - - - -	43,700	1,250	1,250	46,200	22,000
Irish Command:—					
7th Division - - - - -	94,550	400	1,500	96,450	63,000
8th Division - - - - -	148,150	1,300	1,250	150,700	115,000
9th Division - - - - -	66,000	850	1,500	68,350	57,000
Total - - - - -	1,415,100	12,200	13,750	*1,441,050	*804,300

* 100,000L. provided by the Admiralty.

As regards the annual outlay for administration, upkeep, and equipment, the following table shows that under the Committee's proposals there will be about 1,500 fewer beds than now exist:—

	Number of Beds	
	To be added.	*Given up.
Aldershot Command - Bordon, 6; Deepcut and Blackdown, 4; Longmoor, 3.	13	84
Eastern Command Shorncliffe,† 13; Canterbury, 6; Mill Hill, 4; Chatham 134; Maidstone, 3; Harwich, 3; Landguard, 3; Brighton, 32.	198	701
London District Windsor—Infantry, 8, Cavalry, 24; Millbank, 228 (part of these are for special tropical diseases).	260	180
Northern Command York 32; Streusall, 3; Manchester, 3.	38	183
Scottish Command Glencorse, 20; Fort George, 55; Aberdeen, 29.	104	124
Southern Command Portsmouth, 217; Gosport, 4; Winchester, 89; Falmouth, 3.	313	913
Welsh and Midland Command Lichfield, 28; Wrexham, 6; Chester, 3; Pembroke Dock, 41.	78	145
Irish Command:—		
7th Division Arbour Hill, 133; Newbridge, 3; Kildare, 3.	139	320
8th Division Mallow, 242; Kinsale, 8; Cahir, 5; Fermoy, 8.	263	268
9th Division Portadown 95.	95	122
Nett saving - - - - -	1,501	3,040
	1,539 beds.	

* For details see statements in previous pages.

† In this and similar cases where it is proposed to dismantle existing accommodation and rebuild, only the nett figure is given

ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FORTY-FOURTH MEETING—2ND NOVEMBER 1905.

(MINUTES 524-535.)

AGENDA.

1. Reports of Construction Sub-Committee.
2. Aldershot, Cambridge Hospital, reappropriation for providing accommodation for Night Nursing Orderlies.
3. Rochester Row Hospital, wringing machine, supply of.
4. Tanglin, barrack block for R.A.M.C.
5. Lichfield, proposed laboratory.
6. Shorncliffe, reappropriations for additions to Families' Hospital.
7. Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, supply of bath towels.
8. Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, supply of enamelled basins for dining hall.
9. Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, operation aprons, special pattern.
10. Equipment for sick rooms, Q.A.I.M.N.S., supply of sheets.
11. Millbank Hospital, supply of a hand cart.
12. South Africa, disposal of chipped enamel ware.

PRESENT:

Sir COOPER PERRY, M.D., *Chairman*.

Lieut.-Colonel A. M. DAVIES, R.A.M.C.

Lieut.-Colonel E. A. MOULTON-BARRETT, C.M.G., A.D.E.O.S.

Major T. McCULLOCH, M.B., D.A.D.G., A.M.S.

Mr. E. T. GANN, *Secretary*.

The Director of Barrack Construction was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed.

Subjects.

524. Reports of Construction Sub-Committee, Meetings 25th, 27th, and 30th October.

- (1) Ceylon—Proposed installation of Electric Light, Kandy.
Ceylon 7/1.

- (2) Jamaica, Up Park Camp Hospital—Renewal of roof, &c.
Jamaica 2/4.

- (3) Bloemfontein—Reappropriation of Married Quarters as Families Hospital.
Cape 16/1425.

Decisions.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee, detailed below, were approved, as amended:—

The Committee agreed that the scheme for electric lighting proposed by Major Hemming should be sent to G.O.C. for consideration. It was noted that the cost will exceed 100*l.*, and therefore be a matter for the Colonial Government.

The Committee noted the dangerous condition of the roof of the Hospital, and agreed that the estimated cost of renewal (2,000*l.*) should be allotted from the General Part I Item, Vote 10, Minor Hospital Services. It was noted further that, on closer examination of the roof, it may be found possible to save about 850*l.* of the above sum.

It was noted that the Committee's suggestions (see Minute 436) have been carried out, with minor exceptions, and agreed that G.O.C.'s attention should be called to the omission of a duty room to the Maternity Block.

Subjects.

- (4) Statements of Hospital Services, B.A.E., 1906-7.
- (5) Egypt—Hospital Services in B.A.E., 1905-6, Part 2, Minor Alterations; *see* Previous Minute 505(1).
 (a) Citadel—Provide hot plate with steam chamber, in kitchen, 50*l*.
 (b) Khartoum—Provide hot - water geysers for each bath room, 20*l*.
 Egypt 7/1.
- (6) Malta (West Sub-District)—Hospital Services in B.A.E., 1905/6, Part 2, Minor Alterations; *see* Previous Minute 505(36). Forrest Hospital—Provide four pedestal wash-down w.c.'s with hinged seats and siphon cisterns, No. 1 Latrine, 25*l*.
 Malta 7/1.
- (7) Programme of Military Works Loan Services.
 Gen. No. 24/5.

Decisions.

The Services proposed were, in part, considered in detail, with a view to the inclusion of a lump sum in the vote, as in the case of 1905-6.

It was noted that these Services had been put in hand prior to the receipt of the decision arrived at in Minute 505(1), and agreed that covering authority should be given.

The Service was agreed to. G.O.C.'s remark that the lease of the Hospital must be renewed when it expires on March 23rd, 1907, was noted for consideration hereafter.

Following the decision of the Secretary of State, that the M.W.L. programme, approved in Minute 390(3), may be submitted for Treasury approval, the Financial Member enquires whether this part of the Centralisation Scheme "can if necessary stand alone, " whether the expenditure of 558,000*l*. will commit " us to the expenditure of any larger sum of money, " and whether, in the event of no further money " becoming available, this amount will have been " well spent." He also asks for the views of the Committee upon the proposed expenditure at Ceylon in consideration of the decision to abandon Trincomali.

It was agreed that the Financial Member should be informed as follows:—

"The M.W.L. programme under discussion will provide nearly all the new Central Hospitals required under the Centralisation Scheme for the United Kingdom. The Committee agreed that this part of their scheme can, if necessary, stand alone, and that if further money for the completion of the scheme cannot be found, that which is involved in the programme will still have been well spent."

"As regards Ceylon, the decision to abandon Trincomali had not been arrived at when the programme was put forward by the Committee. It is now considered that the 15,000*l*. allotted for Ceylon should be applied to the completion of the Central Venereal Hospitals proposed for Ireland. On Gen. No. 7/93, the Army Council decided that the Centralisation Scheme should be tried in Ireland first, where the conditions are more pressing than in England, and that 'the scheme in Ireland should now be carried out.'"

"The cost of remodelling these Central Hospitals (Athlone, Naas, Portobello, Newbridge, Cork, Tipperary and Belfast) is estimated at 23,450*l*. (say 23,500*l*.), and the balance (8,500*l*. in excess of the 15,000*l*. proposed for Ceylon can be provided by the reduction of the reserve of Hospital Loan Funds (28,500*l*.)."

"By this redistribution, the whole of the Central Hospitals, both general and venereal, included in the Committee's Centralisation programme for Ireland will be provided for, and the scheme can then at once proceed."

Plan M.H. 45 was approved.

- (8) Netley Families' Hospitals—Labour room for.
- (9) Bulford, Families' Hospital—Proposed re-appropriation of Barrack Huts for.
 Southern 16/49.

The huts in F lines proposed for this Hospital were considered to be too far away from the married quarters, and it was further agreed that if any funds are available for Bulford, the existing hospital should have the first claim.

The Committee also decided that when money is forthcoming it will be desirable to provide a families hospital at Bulford as well as at Tidworth.

Subjects.

- (10) Aldershot Isolation Hospital—Ward w.c.'s for Nurses.
53/Aldershot/6904.

525. Aldershot, Cambridge Hospital—Reappropriation for providing accommodation for Night Nursing Orderlies.
Aldershot 16/3168.

526. Rochester Row Hospital — Wringer Machine, supply of.
57/London/3008.

527. Tanglin—Barrack Block for R.A.M.C. Straits Settlements 7/28.

528. Lichfield—Proposed Laboratory. Welsh and Midlands 7/2.

529. Shorncliffe—Reappropriations for additions to Families' Hospital.
Eastern 16/61.

530. Herbert Hospital—Supply of Bath Towels.
57/Woolwich/2651.

531. Herbert Hospital—Supply of Enamelled Basins for Dining Hall.
57/Woolwich/2647.

532. Herbert Hospital—Operation Aprons, special pattern.
57/Woolwich/2643.

533. Equipment for Sick Rooms, Q.A.I.M.N.S., supply of Sheets.
57/Netley/245.

534. Millbank Hospital—Supply of a Hand Cart for conveying infected clothing to Rochester Row.
57/London/2976.

535. South Africa—Surplus Enamel Hospital Ware in Store.
57/Cape/2242.

16th November 1905.

Decisions.

Provision of a w.c. for each ward, in the absence of connecting corridors between the wards and the Nurses' quarters, was approved (Sketch M.H. 47). Estimated probable cost, 120*l*.

D.B.C. pointed out that while the plans approved by the Committee for this service were the subject of correspondence with the station, an entirely new scheme had been prepared locally and carried out without reference to the War Office.

It was agreed that the matter should be brought to the notice of the Army Council.

The Committee agreed that as steeping tanks are to be provided at this Hospital, as part of the conversion scheme, the wringer which is fixed over these tanks should be at once supplied in place of the portable wringer requisitioned.

The Committee agreed that Major Hemming's observations should be forwarded to the G.O.C. for consideration.

The Committee noted the approval by the Advisory Board of a Hygienic Laboratory at Lichfield, instead of that proposed for Chatham, and agreed that D.B.C. should be asked to proceed with the provision accordingly.

Referred to the Construction Sub-Committee.

Referred to the Equipment Sub-Committee, for consideration with the schedules for the Herbert Hospital.

Not recommended.

Not recommended.

A.M.D.3 pointed out that when the schedule for these sick rooms was drawn up it was considered that the bed linen might be drawn as in the case of officers from the Hospital stock.

The Committee agreed that this procedure might be continued.

The supply of a Mark III. cart, hand, common, with an eyeletted tarpaulin sheet for cover, was approved.

The Committee considered that this ware, although stated to be slightly chipped, should be used up in the Hospitals in the command.

Confirmed.

E. C. PERRY,
Chairman.

PROGRESS REPORT.

Subjects.

Netley—Additional accommodation for P.M.O.

Herbert Hospital—Linoleum for Sick Officers' Sitting Room.

West Africa—District Laboratory, Tower Hill.

Mauritius—Extension of Hospital, Curepipe, to provide for Families, Prisoners, Lunatics, Itch Patients, &c.

Netley—Cupboard for Chapel.

Nursing Staff—Families' Hospital; equipment for.

Herbert Hospital—Supply of two Milk Urns.

Netley, Families' Hospital—Linoleum for Inspection Rooms, &c.

Egypt, Khartoum and Citadel Hospitals—Minor Alterations, Part 2, B.A.E., 1905/6.

Jamaica, Port Royal—Naval Hospital.

Malta (West)—B.A.E., 1905/6, Part 2, minor alterations.

Kandy—Installation of Electric Light.

Progress.

Minute 455. Work ordered from triennial contractor, cost chargeable to Gen. Part 1 item, improvements to Hospitals, Netley 2/330.

Minute 515(6). Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. 57/Woolwich/2632. Q.M.G.1, 18/10/05.

£22 allotted to cover cost of completion. West Africa 7/3. D.F.W. Hospitals 19/10/05.

Minute 504(11). Decision notified to G.O.C. Mauritius 24/20/22. D.F.W. Hospitals 24/10/05.

Minute 504(7). D.B.C. reports service executed at a cost of £9. Southern 9/23, 24/10/05.

Minute 485. G.O.C.s asked to report cost of proposal. 57/Cape/2174. Q.M.G.1, 18/10/05.

Minute 492. Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. 57/Woolwich/2577. Q.M.G.1, 3/10/05.

Minute 515(4). Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. 57/Tidworth/34. Q.M.G.1, 19/10/05.

Minute 524(5). Decision notified to G.O.C. Egypt 7/1. D.F.W. Hospitals 28/10/05.

Minute 487. Decision notified to G.O.C. Jamaica 7/2. D.F.W. Hospitals 30/9/05.

Minute 524(6). Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. Malta 7/1. D.F.W. Hospitals 28/10/05.

Minute 524(1). Decision notified to G.O.C. Ceylon 7/1. D.F.W. Hospitals 28/10/05.

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

Reference.	Members.	Business done.
Construction Sub-Committee; Meetings 25th, 27th, and 30th October.	Sir Cooper Perry, Lieut.-Colonel Davies, Major McCulloch.	See copies of minutes circulated in connection with Item 1 of the Agenda.

ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FORTY-FIFTH MEETING—16TH NOVEMBER 1905.

(MINUTES NOS. 536 to 540.)

AGENDA :

1. Hospital Clothing, proposed administration of expenditure by the Army Hospitals Committee.
 2. Millbank Hospital, supply of Shrubs and Bulbs required.
 3. Netley, additional equipment for Officers' wards.
 4. Hospital bedsteads, Mark III., distribution of, to Hospitals equipped under 1898 Schedules.
 5. Administration of Hospital Services.
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PRESENT :

Sir COOPER PERRY, M.D., *Chairman*.

Lieut.-Colonel A. M. DAVIES, R.A.M.C.

Lieut.-Colonel E. A. MOULTON-BARRETT, C.M.G., A.D.E.O.S.

Major T. McCULLOCH, M.B., D.A.D.G., A.M.S.

Mr. E. T. GANN, *Secretary*.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed.

Subjects.

536. Hospital Clothing, proposed administration of expenditure by the Army Hospitals Committee.
54/Gen. No./9798.

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537. Millbank Hospital, supply of shrubs and bulbs required.
London 7/6.

538. Netley, additional equipment for officers' wards.
57/Gen. No./6772.

539. Hospital Bedsteads (Mark III.), distribution of to Hospitals equipped under 1898 Schedules.
57/Gen. No./6264.

Decisions.

The Committee deferred the consideration of a memorandum by the Chairman, in which it is proposed "that in the future the supply of equipment " and clothing shall devolve upon the Army Medical " Department (a part of Vote 9(h) being set aside " for provision), to be controlled by that Department " under the supervision of the Army Sanitary and " Hospitals Committee, when constituted; the charge " and issue of the equipment and clothing to be in " the hands of the Army Medical Department instead " of the Army Service Corps as heretofore."

On D.B.C.'s representation that only 50*l.* has been allotted for the maintenance in 1905-6 of Millbank and Rochester Row Hospitals, it was agreed that 200*l.* of the reserve of 5,000*l.* for Hospital maintenance should be earmarked for these Hospitals.

It was agreed that the issues proposed for Netley in excess of the approved schedule should not be sanctioned.

The following distribution of part of the 300 bedsteads in store was approved:—Bedford 10, Gravesend 12, Northampton 14, Birr 10, Galway 10, Kinsale 8, Mullingar 18, Newcastle 3, Devizes 10, Tidworth 5, Warwick 8, Brecon 10, Cardiff 12, Wrexham 16, Jersey 20, Guernsey 10, Alderney 8.

Subjects.

540. Administration of Hospital Services.
Gen. No. 7/115.

Decisions.

The following instructions to G. O.'s C. were noted :—

16th July 1905.

Gen. No. 7/115. (D.F.W. Hosps.)

Administration of Hospital Services.

SIR,

With reference to War Office letters allotting Barrack Funds for 1905-6, I am commanded by the Army Council to inform you that in future the administration of all Part I. and Part II. Hospital Services (including General Items, and unnamed services in these classes, such as "Minor Alterations") as well as all Part III. named services at home stations, will be centralised at Head Quarters in the offices of the Director of Barrack Construction, who will act in conjunction with the Army Hospitals Committee. In future years, therefore, no allotments for these purposes will be made to General Officers Commanding at home.

2. As regards 1905-6, it will be necessary to withdraw, for transfer to the Director of Barrack Construction, from the Parts II. and III. allotments already made, such sums as you have, or would have, distributed for expenditure on the following classes of hospital services, viz. :—

Part II., Minor Alterations.

Part II., Named services if any.

Part III., Named services.

A report should be submitted showing in each case how the amount proposed to be surrendered is arrived at, together with a statement of the average expenditure on such services for the last three years at the stations concerned. It should further be stated whether any portion of the local Part II. or III. reserves can also be surrendered on account of hospital services transferred. Particulars should be given of any expenditure on new hospital services out of 1905-6 allotments to which you are already committed, and such sums should be shown separately from those which it is proposed to surrender.

3. As regards the remaining, *i.e.*, the unnamed Part III. services, viz., B. A. E. :—

Item 2, Minor Maintenance.

„ 3, Periodical Services.

„ 4, Incidental „

„ 5, Barrack Damages.

It has been decided that, where an hospital forms, or may in future form, an independent charge (at present Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley; Princess Louise Hospital, Alton; and the Military Hospitals at Millbank and Rochester Row), the whole of the future work, including the above, shall be undertaken by the Director of Barrack Construction, who will thus have entire charge.

4. In these three cases also it will accordingly be necessary to withdraw the allotments already made by this Office for 1905-6 under these heads, in order that they may be transferred to the Civil branch.

5. In the case of hospitals forming part of a barrack charge it is for consideration whether it will be convenient to hand over the Part III. services under the above four heads to the Civil Branch while the barracks remain in military charge, and I am to ask for your very early views on this point. In this connection I am to observe that many of the old small hospitals at home will in the future be altered, under the Director of Barrack Construction, to form reception stations, &c., in a new scheme which the Army Hospitals Committee have in view, and due notice will be given of the particular year in which such alterations will be undertaken, so as to avoid any useless expenditure of Part III. funds.

Subjects.Decisions.

6. In the event of your retaining the administration of these unnamed Part III. services in the case of hospitals forming part of a barrack charge, it should be distinctly understood that the use of the funds must be strictly limited to the purposes of maintenance, repair, &c., and no alterations, additions or fittings should be made or introduced which are not in conformity with the recognised procedure and principles of Military Hospital Construction and Equipment.

7. Pending the revision of the Hospital Synopsis, all points of doubt should be referred to the War Office for decision.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
(Signed) R. H. BRADE.

Confirmed.

E. C. PERRY,
Chairman.

7th December 1905.

PROGRESS REPORT.

Subjects.Progress.

Bloemfontein, Families' Hospital, Naval Hill, re appropriation for.

Minute 524(3). K. 1318 approved by Q.M.G.1. Cape 16/1425. 1/11/05.

Londonderry Hospital, re-appropriation for M.O.'s Office and Barrack Room for R.A.M.C.

Minute 514 (6). K. 1318 approved by Q.M.G.1. Irish 16/38.

Herbert Hospital, Operation Apron, special pattern.

Minute 532. Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. 57/Woolwich/2643. Q.M.G.7(b). 6/11/05.

Herbert Hospital, supply of enamelled basins for use in Dining Hall.

Minute 531. Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. 57/Woolwich/2647. Q.M.G.1. 8/11/05.

Up Park Camp Station Hospital, repair of roof.

Minute 524(2). 2,000*l.* allotted. G.O.C. notified. Jamaica 2/4. D.F.W. Hospitals. 8/11/05.

Tanglin, new Barrack Block for R.A.M.C.

Minute 527. Observations sent to G.O.C., Straits Settlements 7/28. D.F.W. Hospitals. 7/11/05.

Alton Princess Louise Hospital, useless filters.

D.B.C. reports removal of these at a cost of 4*l.* Aldershot 7/13. October 1905.

Minutes of 41st and 42nd Meetings.

Seen by the Army Council, 15/11/05.

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

Reference.	Members.	Business done.
Construction Sub-Committee. Meeting 6th November.	Sir Cooper Perry, Lieut.-Colonel Davies, Major McCulloch.	Statements of Hospital Services, B.A.E., 1906/7 further considered.

ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FORTY-SIXTH MEETING—7TH DECEMBER 1905.

(MINUTES NOS. 541 to 543.)

AGENDA :

1. Reports of Construction Sub-Committee.
2. Report of Equipment Sub-Committee.
3. Hospital Clothing and Equipment, proposed administration of expenditure by the Army Hospitals Committee.

PRESENT :

Sir COOPER PERRY, M.D., *Chairman*.

Sir FREDERICK TREVES, Bart., G.C.V.O., C.B.

Surg.-General W. J. FAWCETT, C.B., D.D.G., A.M.S.

Lieut.-Colonel A. M. DAVIES, R.A.M.C.

Major T. McCULLOCH, M.B., D.A.D.G., A.M.S.

Mr. E. T. GANN, *Secretary*.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed.

Subjects.

541. Reports of Construction Sub-Committee
(meetings 20th November and 4th December).

(1) York Hospital, extension, plans.
York 7/15.

(2) Portsmouth, Alexandra Hospital.
(a) Nursing Home, plans.
Southern 7/33.

(b) Barrack Block, plans.
Southern 7/29.

Decisions.

The recommendations detailed below were considered. Items 1, 2a, 2b, 2d, 2e, 2f, and 4 were deferred, and it was agreed that the plans dealt with in these items, as well as all other plans, except those of minor importance, should be circulated to every member of the Committee before presentation for final approval.
The remaining recommendations were approved.

The amended plans M.H. 55, 56, and 57, presented by D.B.C., were considered, and, with slight alterations, approved.

The amended plans, M.H. 59, 60, and 61, presented by D.B.C., were considered and approved, with slight alterations.

Amended plans, M.H. 49 and 50, providing dining accommodation in the Barrack Block, instead of in the Recreation Establishment, were approved.

Subjects.

- (c) Steeping Rooms and Disinfecting Establishment.
Southern 7/31.
- (d) Isolation Hospital.
Barrack Block.
Southern 7/30.
- (e) Discharge Block and Ambulance Shed.
Southern 7/34.
- (f) Mortuary.
Southern 7/32.
- (3) Statements of Hospital Services, B.A.E.
1906/7.
Gen. No./7/12.
- (4) Millbank, electrical treatment room.
London 24/45/1.
- (5) Windsor, Combermere barracks, re-appropriations for nursing duty room for sick ward for women and children.
London 16/2877.
- (6) Hounslow, Cavalry barracks, re-appropriation of hospital laundry as signalling, musketry, and pioneer store.
Eastern 16/70.
- (7) Worcester, provision of annexes with w.c.'s for married quarters, also w.c.'s for hospital.
Southern 2/30.
- (8) Bulford Hospital, provision of a shed for infected bedding.
Salisbury 7/21.
- (9) Brackets for fire buckets.
Southern 7/6.
- (10) Malta (East Sub-District) provision of destructor for Valetta hospital.
Malta 7/2.
- (11) Portsmouth reception station, revised plans.
Portsmouth 24/707.

542. Report of Equipment Sub-Committee
(meeting 21st November).

- (1) Operation Aprons and Orderlies' Overalls.
57/Gen. No./5686.
- (2) Dover, Western Heights, furniture for Nursing Duty Room.
57/Dover/4428.

Decisions.

The amended plan, M.H. 52, omitting provision for soiled linen, was not approved.

The amended plan, M.H. 51, combining Recreation Establishment, Barrack Block, and M.O.'s room in one building, was approved, with slight alterations.

The amended plan, M.H. 62, reversing the position of the various rooms in the Discharge Block, was approved; it was agreed to defer consideration of the Ambulance Shed for the present.

The amended plan, M.H. 54, altering the position of the viewing room, was approved.

The attached memorandum A (page 5) was approved.

Plan M.H. 64 submitted by D.B.C. was agreed to as amended.

Approved.

When this Hospital is remodelled, this laundry will probably be required for steeping tanks and disinfection. Pending the remodelling, there is no objection to its temporary use for the purposes proposed.

Consideration deferred, pending receipt of information regarding the drainage proposals for the barracks and generally. Apparently only a dry-earth system exists.

Approved, at a cost of 6*l*.

These were considered necessary, and it was agreed that the Hospital Synopsis should be amended accordingly.

It was noted that the destructor provided is according to an old pattern supplied from Woolwich about three or four years ago.

The plans approved at the sixth meeting of the A.H.C. (Minute 85) should be revised to accord with the latest type of reception station.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee, detailed below, were approved:—

In view of the reports from G.O.C.'s after trial, it was agreed that the suggestion to substitute the orderlies' overalls for operation aprons should not be entertained. Both patterns should be retained.

It was noted that the articles required to furnish this room on the scale approved in Schedule 28 of the Schedules of Barrack and Hospital Furniture had been issued, with the exception of the fender, which will be supplied later.

Subjects.

- (3) Millbank, proposed supply of four wringers.
57/London/3014.
- (4) Nail Brush, Jar for, pattern.
57/24/6099.
- (5) Millbank, 28 additional screens required
for wards.
57/London/3010.
- (6) Herbert Hospital, special equipment allow-
ance, incidence of charge.
57/Woolwich/2664.
- (7) Netley Hospital Schedules.
57/Netley/240.
- (8) Herbert Hospital, bath towels for.
57/Woolwich/2651.
- (9) Tables, Ward, issue to small wards of one
and two beds.
57/Colchester/5498.
- (10) Hospital Equipment surplus to require-
ments.
57/Gen. No./6708.

Decisions.

As in the case of Rochester Row, the wringers (two), which will be hereafter required for the steeping tanks, should be supplied.

The pattern jar submitted was approved for issue when money becomes available.

It was agreed that the enamelled brush trays which will be released might be issued, as available, to the Hospitals equipped under the 1898 Schedules on the scale for those equipped under the 1904 Schedules; and also to medical inspection rooms, where fixed basins are provided, the trays to be replaced by jars as they become unserviceable.

It was considered that the number of screens on charge (22) should be made up to the number authorised by Schedules (29).

It was agreed that bills to the amount of 24*l.* for expenditure incurred in 1904-05, which were not settled till 1905-06, might be charged against the grant for the latter year.

The Schedules proposed were approved, with the exceptions detailed in the statement marked "O" in the paper.

Approved, also for Netley; scale as for Hospitals equipped under the 1904 Schedules.

It was agreed that the issue of the Service pattern ward tables should be limited to wards of five or more beds, and that a smaller pattern for wards of less than five beds should be considered early in the new financial year.

It was noted on this paper that the Q.M.G. had brought to A.G.'s notice the large quantity of Hospital stores kept up at small stations, and that the D.G., A.M.S. was taking the necessary steps for the reduction in the number of beds, as shown in the following recapitulation statement:—

RECAPITULATION.

Command.	Number of existing Beds, 1904.	Number of Beds to be reduced to	Reduction.
Aldershot Army Corps - - - - -	1,126	1,126	Nil.
London District - - - - -	418	418	Nil.
Eastern Command - - - - -	1,653	1,298	355
Southern Command - - - - -	1,435	1,126	309
Northern Command - - - - -	634	434	200
Welsh and Midland Command - - - - -	368	219	149
Scottish Command - - - - -	326	272	54
Irish Command - - - - -	1,617	1,343	274
Totals - - - - -	7,577	6,236	1,341

543. Hospital Clothing and Equipment; pro-
posed administration of expenditure by the Army
Hospitals Committee.
54/Gen. No./9798.

Deferred.

21st December 1905.

Confirmed,
E. C. PERRY,
Chairman.

PROGRESS REPORT.

Subjects.Progress.

Urinals, new pattern (glass).

Minute 502. Pattern sealed 2/11/05. 57/Gen. No./6197. C.I.G.S.

Alton, Princess Louise Hospital, M.O.'s stable.

Improvements cannot be carried out this year. Noted for 1906/7 Estimates. Aldershot 7/12. D.B.C. 13/11/05.

Estimates 1906/7, New Clothing Services.

500*l.* agreed to by Q.M.G. 1, but not necessarily for the Army Hospitals Committee. 10/319. November 1905.

Malta, provision of second disinfecter.

Governor and C-in-C. asked to submit an early demand, if necessary. Gen. No. 2/42. A.M.D. 2. 22/11/05.

Fermoy, Families Hospital, equipment for quarters of Nursing Staff.

Minute 474. Cost of articles purchased locally, 5*l.* 17*s.* 8*d.* 57/Fermoy/566. 11/05.

Sierra Leone, Tower Hill Station Hospital, Operation Room.

75*l.* allotted for completion of this service, charged to Vote 10, minor hospital improvements, 1905-06. West Africa 7/2. F.W. 3. 22/11/05.

Floor Polishers for use in wards with polished floors, scale of issue.

Minute 473. Decision notified to all G.O.C.'s. 84/R/2764. Q.M.G. 1. 20/11/05.

Minutes of 44th meeting.

Seen by the Army Council, 1st December, 1905.

REPORTS OF PROCEEDINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

Reference.	Members.	Business done.
Construction Sub-Committee, Meetings 20th November and 4th December.	Sir Cooper Perry, Lieut.-Colonel Davies, Major McCulloch.	See copies of minutes circulated in connection with Item I. of the Agenda.
Equipment Sub-Committee, Meeting 21st November.	Sir Cooper Perry, Surg.-Gen. Fawcett, Lieut.-Colonel Moulton-Barrett.	See copies of minutes circulated in connection with Item II. of the Agenda.

A.

HOSPITAL SERVICES FOR INCLUSION IN BARRACK ANNUAL ESTIMATES, 1906-7.

PART I.

HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS.

The G.O.C's of the several commands have proposed Services, the estimated cost of which amounts to—

	£	£
For Home - - - - -	207,230	
For the Colonies - - - - -	10,100	
	<u>217,330</u>	

(See list attached.)

To this list the Committee have added the Devonport re-appropriations, the approximate estimate for which amounts to

7,250	224,580
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PART II.

The Services submitted by G.O.C's under this item are estimated to cost—

For Home - - - - -	75,076
For the Colonies - - - - -	14,333
	<u>89,409</u>

(See list attached.)¹

These have been reduced by the Committee to—

For Home - - - - -	8,250
For the Colonies - - - - -	2,000
	<u>10,250</u>

CONTINUATION SERVICES.

Provision must also be made for the following Continuation Services :—

Services.	Total Estimate.	Amount expended up to March 31st 1905.	Amount likely to be spent, 1905-6.	Reprovision for 1906-7.
	£	£	£	£
Aldershot, Cambridge Hospital—Quarters for Nursing Sisters.	8,300	—	3,000	5,300
Portsmouth, New Hospital to replace accommodation handed over to Admiralty.	119,100	59,000	28,000	32,100
Netley, Royal Victoria Hospital—renew defective drainage.	10,000	1,500	400	8,100
Netley, Lunatic Hospital—provision of an Infirmary ward.	5,500	—	3,000	2,500
York, Enlarge Hospital - - - - -	15,000	—	3,000	12,000
London, Rochester Row Hospital—Remodel “A” Block -	3,000	—	1,000	2,000
	<u>160,900</u>	<u>60,500</u>	<u>38,400</u>	<u>62,900</u>

Following last year's precedent, the Committee propose that a lump sum should be taken, sufficient to cover the Services in Parts I. and II., with which it will be possible to deal in 1906-7, and for this they consider a sum of 40,000*l.* should be provided.

This corresponds with the amount provided for the year 1905-6, but in that year many Part II. Hospital Services were carried out by G.O.C.'s, with the money allotted to them as a lump sum for barracks, and the present proposal amounts, therefore, to less than was then provided.

The new Part I. Services which the Committee propose to proceed with in 1906-7 are—

	£
Woolwich R.A.M.C. officers' mess and quarters - - -	12,500*
Devonport re-appropriations, re-modelling, and venereal treatment block - - - - -	7,250
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	19,750
The reduced Part II. Services as shown above amount to -	10,250
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Making a gross total of - - -	30,000
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After deducting this total from the 40,000*l.* above proposed to be provided, a sum of 10,000*l.* will remain for the carrying out of small new works, conversions to reception stations, and other services in connection with the proposed centralisation of hospitals.

As regards Part III. the average allotment of the previous three years is—

	£
For Home - - - - -	20,374
For the Colonies - - - - -	3,553
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	23,927
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(See list attached.)

The estimates for 1906-7 total—

For Home - - - - -	34,599
For the Colonies - - - - -	8,551
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	43,150
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(See list attached.)

The Committee propose an allotment of 20,000*l.* for 1906-7.

The Committee's proposals may be briefly summarised as under :—

	£
1. General item to cover Parts I. and II. Services - - -	40,000
2. General item to cover Part III. Services, say - - -	20,000
3. The following Continuation Services :—	
Aldershot, Cambridge Hospital—Quarters for Nursing Sisters	5,300
Netley Drainage - - - - -	500
Netley Lunatic Hospital - - - - -	2,500
York, Enlarge Hospital - - - - -	12,000
London, Rochester Row - - - - -	2,000
Portsmouth, Alexandra Hospital (to be refunded by Admiralty) - - - - -	12,500
4. Excess on Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth - - -	19,600

* This sum represents part of a general item of 32,000*l.* for R.A.M.C. messes and quarters, the principle of which has been approved by the Army Council, but it should be borne in mind that the provision at the Herbert Hospital (as one of the two large hospitals, the other being Netley, where a mess exists) is for special consideration. Until recently a mess existed at this station, but the building has been condemned.

HOSPITALS.—STATEMENT OF SERVICES, 1906-7.

Home Stations.

Station.	Part I.	Part II.		Part III.	
	Proposed by Station.	Proposed by Station.	Proposed by Committee.	Estimate, 1906-7.	Average previous 3 Years.
	£	£	£	£	£
ALDERSHOT COMMAND.					
Aldershot, North	—	—	—	557	613
Aldershot, South	—	911	300	560	193
Alton	6,060	2,986	250	600	250
Woolmer	—	—	—	70	—
SOUTHERN COMMAND.					
Salisbury Plain	—	155	—	—	39
Gosport	3,930	10	10	650	525
Weymouth	—	71	71	84	123
Weymouth	—	41	20	—	—
Isle of Wight	—	1,688	—	150	180
I.W., M.O.'s Quarters	3,500	—	—	—	—
Portsea	—	50	—	122	122
Devonport	—	302	20	185	296
Plymouth	2,000	316	—	355	717
EASTERN COMMAND.					
Colchester	15,000	5,031	200	820	860
Chatham	6,500	8,449	—	374	62
Sheerness	—	20	20	176	79
Dover	—	351	20	1,480	1,534
Woolwich	35,100	5,006	1,000	2,300	2,357
Gravesend	—	—	—	83	83
IRISH COMMAND.					
Belfast	9,500	4,180	100	816	686
Belfast	—	1,870	300	—	—
Cork	3,300	4,408	1,000	479	343
Fernoy	6,000	5,986	300	1,167	580*
Curragh	15,900	4,307	250	415	415
Dublin	2,300	1,427	800	1,004	987
NORTHERN COMMAND.					
Newcastle	—	20	20	132	120
York, &c.	3,000	2,569	500	616	650
Liverpool	—	279	150	644	509
WELSH AND MIDLAND.					
Chester	—	1,081	300	412	431
South Wales	—	415	200	501	158
Pembroke	22,000	—	—	—	—
SCOTTISH COMMAND					
	—	2,310	200	996	996
LONDON DISTRICT	—	785	—	740	699
	—	2,685	20	1,000	—
	—	—	—	1,140	—
CHANNEL ISLANDS.					
Jersey	—	173	173	71	49
Guernsey and Alderney	—	200	—	51	51
NETLEY, R.V. HOSPITAL					
	73,200	16,994	2,000	15,849	5,667
	207,230	75,076	8,224	34,599	20,374

* Does not include Periodicals.

HOSPITALS.—STATEMENT OF SERVICES, 1906-7.

Colonial Stations.

Service.	Part I.	Part II.		Part III.	
	Proposed by Station.	Proposed by Station.	Proposed by Committee.	Estimate, 1906-7.	Average previous 3 years.
CAPE COLONY.					
	£	£	£	£	£
Naval base	—	48	48	370	206
Middelburg	—	500	250	120	(a)
TRANSVAAL.					
Middelburg	—	60	—	280	(c)
Pretoria	—	1,060	—	350	(a)
Potchefstroom	—	170	130	934	155(d)
Standerton	—	—	—	150	78
ORANGE RIVER COLONY.					
Bloemfontein	—	—	—	300	None
Harrismith	—	—	—	300	200(d)
Natal	—	—	—	50	146
West Coast	—	4,292	500	160	281
Sierra Leone	—	167	—	74	(a)
St. Helena	—	—	—	None	(a)
Barbadoes	—	301	200	100	221
Bermuda	—	35	20	Average	(a)
Ceylon	—	—	—	—	—
CHINA, NORTH.					
Wei-hai wei	5,900	—	—	575	(a)
Tientsin	—	—	—	1,085	(a)
CHINA, SOUTH.					
Hong Kong	—	222	122	270	258
EGYPT.					
Alexandria, Cairo and Khartoum	—	2,059	400	901	1,053
Crete	—	—	—	236	(a)
Cyprus	—	240	150	67	40
Esquimalt	—	—	—	63	62
Gibraltar, North	—	50	—	40	10
„ South	—	296	20	205	180(f)
Jamaica	2,000	1,623	100	465	228(e)
Malta, East	—	244	122	—*	—
„ West	—	38	20	—*	—
Mauritius	2,200	212	—	365	256
Nova Scotia	—	320	—	794	243
Straits Settlements	—	2,393	20	297	67
	10,100	14,330	2,102	8,551	3,553

Reference to statement of Colonial Services :—

- (a) Average not given.
 (b) Periodicals not included.
 (c) No previous allotment.

- (d) Last year only.
 (e) Increased accommodation.
 (f) Two years only.

* No estimate.

ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING—21st DECEMBER 1905.

(MINUTES 544-553.)

AGENDA.

1. Hospital clothing and equipment, proposed administration of expenditure by the Army Hospitals Committee.
2. Pretoria, Roberts Heights Hospital, supply of receptacles for boiled water.
3. Hilsea Hospital, provision of new hot-water system.
4. Salisbury Plain, Hospital accommodation for families.
5. St. John's Wood, reappropriations for Medical Inspection Room, &c.
6. Deferred Report of Construction Sub-Committee.
7. Alton, Princess Louise Hospital, report on inspection of.
8. R.A.M.C. personnel, London District, accommodation required.
9. Gibraltar, temporary Hospital to provide for small-pox cases.
10. Machine, Mincing, small, proposed new pattern.

PRESENT:

Sir COOPER PERRY, M.D., *Chairman.*

Surg.-General W. J. FAWCETT, C.B., D.D.G., A.M.S.

Lieut.-Colonel A. M. DAVIES, R.A.M.C.

Lieut.-Colonel E. A. MOULTON-BARRETT, C.M.G., A.D.E.O.S.

Major T. McCULLOCH, M.B., D.A.D.G., A.M.S.

Mr. E. T. GANN, *Secretary.*

The Director of Barrack Construction was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed.

Subjects.

544. Hospital clothing and equipment, proposed administration of expenditure by the Army Hospitals Committee.

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545. Pretoria, Roberts Heights Hospital, supply of receptacles for boiled water.

Cape 7/6.

546. Hilsea Hospital, provision of new hot-water system.

Southern 7/19.

547. Salisbury Plain, Hospital accommodation for families.

Southern 16/35 and Salisbury 24/105/21.

Decisions.

It was agreed to defer the consideration of this matter pending the decision of the Army Council upon the recommendation put forward by the Advisory Board, A.M.S., for the reconstruction of this Committee.

It was considered that details of the existing arrangements for the supply of drinking water in the wards should be obtained, and that inquiry should be made whether any of the old pattern filter bodies are available for this service.

D.B.C.'s suggestion that this proposed provision should wait for the reconstruction of this Hospital as set out in the Centralisation Scheme was approved.

The following numbers were approved:—

Tidworth, 31 beds.

Bulford, 10 beds.

*Subjects.**Decisions.*

These numbers were arrived at by comparing the probable strength of the garrisons with that at Aldershot, where the present Hospital of 56 beds suffices.

The numbers of families for which it is reported provision will be necessary are as under :—

Tidworth, 405.

Bulford, 177.

Netheravon, 18.

Approved.

548. St. John's Wood, Reappropriation for Medical Inspection Room, &c.
London 16/2851.

549. Reports of Construction Sub-Committee (meetings 20th November and 4th December). Items deferred from last meeting.

(1) York Hospital, extension, plans.
York 7/15.

(2) Portsmouth, Alexandra Hospital.
(a) Nursing Home, plans.
Southern 7/33.

(b) Barrack Block, plans.
Southern 7/29.

(c) Isolation Hospital.
Barrack Block.
Southern 7/30.

(d) Discharge Block and Ambulance Shed.
Southern 7/34.

(e) Mortuary.
Southern 7/32.

(3) Millbank, electrical treatment room.
London 24/45/1.

550. Alton, Princess Louise Hospital, report on inspection of.

The recommendations of the Sub-Committee, detailed below, were approved, as amended :—

The amended plans, M.H. 55, 56, and 57, presented by D.B.C., were considered, and approved, subject to the provision of a ward scullery on the top floor, the alteration of the coal store, and of the doors to the operation rooms in the venereal treatment block.

Deferred pending the conference on the subject of accommodation for Nurses, presently to be summoned by the Secretary of State.

Amended plans, M.H. 49 and 50, providing dining accommodation in the Barrack Block, instead of in the Recreation Establishment, were approved.

The amended plan, M.H. 51, combining Recreation Establishment, Barrack Block, and M.O.'s room in one building, was approved.

The amended plan, M.H. 62, reversing the position of the various rooms in the Discharge Block, was approved; it was agreed to defer consideration of the Ambulance Shed for the present.

The amended plan, M.H. 54, altering the position of the viewing room, was approved.

Plan, M.H. 64, submitted by D.B.C., was agreed to as amended.

The attached report was approved.

Army Hospitals Committee.

ALTON—PRINCESS LOUISE HOSPITAL. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The D.B.C. having reported to the D.G., A.M.S. (verbally), that the electric light apparatus at this Hospital is stated to be in an unsatisfactory state, and really dangerous, and also that he is in receipt of such extensive demands for repairs and additions to the Hospital generally that a special visit was desirable, Sir Cooper Perry, chairman, the D.D.G., A.M.S., and Major McCulloch, members of the Army Hospitals Committee, went down to Alton on the 6th December 1905. They were accompanied by the D.B.C., and the Secretary to the Committee. The D.G., A.M.S., was at the last moment prevented from joining the party.

The Committee consider that the services detailed on the subjoined list A, which have already been represented to W.F. by the D.B.C. as of a pressing nature, should be immediately put in hand.

The felting on the roofs is shrinking and rapidly decaying, and some of the roofs are stated to be

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Decisions.

leaking in consequence; the electrical plant requires to be thoroughly overhauled, or there will be a serious breakdown; and the external paint is in a very bad condition.

At the time the Hospital was taken over, in 1903, it was represented that alterations and additions estimated to cost some 20,000*l.* (afterwards reduced to 11,600*l.*) were necessary to fit the Hospital as a convalescent home, for which the Secretary of State decided it should be used. Of this sum, 3,500*l.* was provided in the Estimates for 1902-3 and 1903-4. The services left over are detailed on statement B annexed. Of these the Committee recommended that 1,* 3, 4, 6, 12, and 13 should be taken in hand at an early date; that 7, 8, 10, 15, and 16 should be carried out when funds can be found; and that 2, 5, and 14 need not be proceeded with.

As regards the duplication of the electric plant (Item 9), it is for consideration whether the future use of this Hospital as a convalescent home will justify the continued maintenance of electric light, which, as it is now run, requires a staff of no less than six men; and the necessity for the provision of an ambulance shed (Item 11) may be considered doubtful.

Of the items included in the station proposals for Estimates, 1905-6 (*see* lists C and D attached), 10 and 13 on C are recommended, and 12 can be met by the provision of doors and a concrete platform; 4 and 14 were not considered necessary, the former on the ground that No. 3 Co. will not mobilise at Alton, when it is used for convalescents only; 5 has been dealt with under 1 of statement B; 6, 7, and 8 can wait until it has been determined what accommodation will be required for the convalescents, when reappropriations can probably be arranged to meet these requirements; 11 has already been carried out; and the remainder should be left over until it is seen what money is available in the Estimates for the ensuing year.

Of the items on statement D, 5 should be done at once; 1, 6, 11, and 12 should be executed when funds can be provided; 2 and 3 have already been dealt with as 9 and 4 of statement B; 4 will not be required for a convalescent home; 7, 8, and 9 were not considered necessary, and 10 has been done. As regards Item 13, a tool shed is necessary, but not hot-houses.

The Committee consider that the Hospital should be evacuated whilst under repair, and that when re-occupied its use should be limited to convalescents.

They do not anticipate that more than 100 beds at the most will be required for convalescents, and the accommodation set free can be utilised for reappropriation as married quarters, barrack room, &c. The equipment, which is of special pattern, and therefore not suitable for transfer to other Hospitals, might be stored in one of the spare wards, and used up as replacements become necessary. It will also be then available if at any time the spare accommodation has to be used for overflow.

A.

	Estimated Cost. £
1. Barrack Room for R.A.M.C.—	
The match-boarding which lines the sides of the hut has sprung to such an extent that the wind blows through, to remedy which it will be necessary to take down and refix the boarding - - - -	30
2. Buildings generally:—	
The felting on the roofs is urgently in need of repair and tarring to keep it waterproof - - - -	150

* 1 where urgently required.

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Cost.
£

3. Electric lighting establishment :—
The whole plant requires a thorough overhauling and repair to prevent it breaking down during the winter months (there have already been minor stoppages). The exhaust pipes are insecurely fixed and supported on temporary wooden brackets attached to the roof and should be rearranged - - - 300
4. Water tower (30,000 gallons) :—
The new water tower is some distance away from the pumping station (to secure the requisite head of water) but no means of access to the tank has been provided. The tank is uncovered and no indicator fixed to inform the Engineer whether the tank is empty or full. Proposed to provide iron ladder, tell-tale communication to Engineer's house, and cover the tank to prevent the water being fouled by birds, &c. - - 75
5. Canteen :—
Lay on water from main, and connect sink waste to foul drainage (Alder-shot 7/101) - - - 62
6. Huts generally :—
External painting. The woodwork is exposed, and requires painting to preserve the timber and boarding - 450

Statement showing the alterations and additions proposed but not carried out when the Hospital was taken over on 1st April 1903.

B.

Estimated
Cost.
£

1. Surface water drainage :—
Provision of tanks, relaying pipes, &c. 1,200
2. Covered way to kitchen block and roof covering - - - 760
3. Coal yards - - - 330
4. Bath partitions - - - 45
5. R.E. offices, stores, and yard - - 200
6. Incinerator, West Ward Block - -
7. W.I. fence - - - 600
8. Electric bells - - - 35
9. Engine House :—
Additional boiler and alterations - 1,100
Electric accumulators - 590
10. North of site, strained wire fence - 300
11. A.S.C. stable and ambulance - 200
12. Painting of interior walls and boundary fence - - - 515
13. Lettering doors and stamping keys - 50
14. Railway siding :—
Permanent way - - - 1,800
Riveting embankment and sowing seeds 200
15. Operation room, group lights, and pendant - - - 30
16. Grounds :—
Setting out, planting trees, sowing seeds, &c. - - - 250

£8,115

C.

ESTIMATES, 1906-7.

Alton Hospital, Proposals—Barracks.

Service.	Approximate Estimate.	
	Part 1.	Part 2.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1. C.O.'s stable, wood lining - - -	—	8 0 0
2. C.O.'s stable, manger and hay racks - -	—	5 0 0
3. C.O.'s stable, remove nearer residence (if above not approved) - - -	—	50 0 0
4. Mobilisation store, provide 30 compartments and clothing racks - - -	—	20 0 0
5. Removal of rainwater from barrack building roofs into surface drains - - -	1,000 0 0	—
6. Married quarter for one W.O., with wash-house and drying ground - - -	—	900 0 0
7. Ten married quarters for N.C.O.'s and men, with do., do. - - -	6,000 0 0	—
8. Barrack room for 20 men - - -	—	700 0 0
9. Steps to verandah from ground, barrack room - - -	—	1 0 0
10. Coal stores for C.O.'s quarters, Officers' quarters, and Qr.-Mr.'s quarters - -	—	60 0 0
11. Electric light in kitchen, R.A.M.C. - -	—	2 0 0
12. Fire engine-house for small hose reel - -	—	100 0 0
13. Apparatus for draining fire hose - -	—	20 0 0
14. Harness room for C.O.'s stable - - -	—	120 0 0
	£7,000 0 0	£1,986 0 0

D.

ESTIMATES, 1906-7.

Alton Hospital, Proposals.

1. Sun blinds to windows for Admin. Offices.
2. Accumulator for dynamo house.
3. Bath-rooms to wards, provide partition between baths, and clothes pegs.
4. Canvas screens for Aerandah connecting wards.
5. Examine and clear hot-water pipes from boilers generally.
6. Small coal store for hospital kitchen.
7. Foul linen store, provide shed outside door with concrete floor.
8. Electric light for pack and linen store.
9. Nurses' quarters. Larder and storeroom, two cupboards with shelves for food, &c.
10. Nurses' quarters, concrete platform steps of back door to bank.
11. Small coal store to Nurses' quarters.
12. Removal of rainwater from roofs to surface channels, Nurses' quarters.
13. Hot-houses and tool shed for grounds.

*Subjects.**Decisions.*

PRÉCIS of PAPERS relating to the ESTABLISHMENT
of the PRINCESS LOUISE HOSPITAL, ALTON.

(By the Secretary to the A.H.C.)

Gen. No. 16.
1750.

Originally this Hospital was intended by the donors as the corner stone of a project evolved by the Absent-Minded Beggar Relief Corps for "some form of permanent good to our soldiers," and in a letter from the manager, dated 8.5.00, the matter is referred to as a contribution to the settlement of the question of the "future of the discharged soldier and his family."

The South African war being in progress at the time, the manager of the fund offered the Hospital to relieve the pressure to which it was anticipated the Military Hospitals would be put.

The offer was to "build, equip, and maintain a Hospital and Convalescent Camp for at least 500 men." It was to be a "civilian establishment in all respects."

The offer was accepted, and an officer of the R.A.M.C. lent "to take charge of such statistics and reports as the War Office requires, and who shall have medical charge of the Hospital." (1.6.00.)

2023.

In June 1901 an offer was made by the proprietors of the "Daily Mail"—who explained that the Hospital had cost 70,000L., of which the public had contributed half, and they the balance—"to complete the Hospital and hand it over in its entirety as a gift to the War Office."

This offer was accepted on 9.7.01, and the Hospital was then inspected by Major James, R.A.M.C., and Captain Walker, R.E., who reported that "in consequence of its wooden construction and the cubic space available in the wards, it is not suitable for a General Hospital," but with certain specified additions, would "be admirably suited for use as a Convalescent Home in the summer months."

2019.

On this report, Q.M.G. (Sir C. M. Clarke) suggested its use (1) as a hospital; (2) as a convalescent home; or (3) as an expansion of the Chelsea system to accommodate pensioned soldiers wholly incapacitated from contributing to their own support; the C. in C. (Lord Roberts) remarked, "I should think it would be most useful as a Convalescent Home," and the D.D.G. (Surgeon-General Muir) considered that it could be used for convalescents all the year round, and possibly for tubercular cases.

2023.
8/11/01.

The S. of S. decided to use it as a Convalescent Hospital. A portion, 100 beds, being set apart for the treatment of tubercle cases.

The deed conveyed the property to the S. of S. "upon trust to permit the same to be used as a Military Hospital or Convalescent Home, for the reception of Officers, N.C.O.'s and men of His Majesty's land forces, in such manner and under such rules and regulations as the S. of S. for War, or his successors in office, may from time to time think proper." The use as a "Lock Hospital or a Hospital for Fever, or other infectious cases," is prohibited.

2067.

As regards the tubercle cases, the deed was altered to exclude these from "infectious cases."

2109.

In May 1902 the G.O.C. reported that the Hospital had been taken over, but that before it could be taken into use, very extensive additions and alterations would be necessary.

A Board of Officers, specially appointed for the purpose, inspected the Hospital and supported G.O.C.'s view, considering that the alterations and additions specified in the paper "should be given effect to before the Hospital is occupied, or, at any rate, an early date."

*Subject.**Decision.*

2148.

The estimated cost of these additions, &c. was originally 20,000*l.*, afterwards reduced to 11,600*l.*, and eventually Treasury was asked to sanction the expenditure of 3,500*l.* on the more immediate requirements in 1902-3. Only 800*l.*, however, for repairs to the roofs, was sanctioned, and the balance of the 3,500*l.* was provided in the Estimates, 1903-4.

2226.

The Hospital was taken into use on the 1st April 1903, when it was proposed to utilise it for "slight" cases and convalescents from Aldershot, and "possibly also from the Home District."

D.B.C. now reports that the electric light has broken down, and that he is in receipt of such extensive demands for repairs, &c. that an inspection of the Hospital by some members of the A.H.C. is desirable with a view to determining what repairs are immediately necessary, having regard to the proposal in the Centralisation Report to confine the use of the Hospital hereafter to its approved purpose as a Convalescent Home.

The D.G.A.M.S. has ordered the evacuation of the Hospital, in order that the necessary work may not be delayed.

It is important to note that all through the papers it has been recognised that the maintenance of this gift would prove costly.

29.11.05.

551. R.A.M.C. London District, accommodation required for Personnel.
London 16/2882.

The subjoined statement of probable requirements for R.A.M.C. personnel in the London District was noted. In view of the D.M.Q.'s letter to G.O.C. London District (London 16/2882, 7/12/05) explaining that, when the removal of the Transport Co.'s Headquarters from Millbank to Kensington has been carried into effect, accommodation will be available in the former barracks, it was agreed that the plans for a R.A.M.C. block should not be proceeded with at present.

REVISED TOTAL showing ESTIMATED ACCOMMODATION that will eventually be required for ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS PERSONNEL, LONDON DISTRICT, not including WAR OFFICE STAFF and CLERKS to PRINCIPAL MEDICAL OFFICER, EASTERN COMMAND.

Class -	XV.	XVI.	XVII.	XIX.	XX.	Total.	
	W.O.'s.	Q.M. Sergeants.	S. Sergeants.	Sergeants.	Rank and File.		
Staff of P.M.O. London District.	—	—	1	—	3	4	1 S. sergeant, married.
Queen Alexandra's Military Hospital, Millbank.	1	1	2	3	72	109	(W.O., Q.M. sergeant, S. sergeants, 2 sergeants, and 7 rank and file, married.)
*For rank and file under special training as masseurs, cooks, &c.	—	—	—	—	10		
Recruits under training	—	—	—	—	20		
Rochester Row	—	—	1	1	25	27	1 S. sergeant, 2 rank and file, married.
†Caterham	—	—	1	1	12	14	1 S. sergeant, 1 rank and file, married.
†Windsor	—	1	—	—	7	8	1 Q.M. sergeant, married.
Tower	—	—	—	1	1	2	—
R.A.M. College staff	—	1	2	2	13	47	(1 Q.M. sergeant, 2 S. sergeants, 1 sergeant, 3 rank and file, married).
" " under training.	—	—	—	—	10		
District Laboratory attendant.	—	—	—	—	1		
Officer's servants	—	—	—	—	12		
Total	1	3	7	8	192	211	

* Exclusive of the regular Hospital staff, accommodation should be provided for men under special training at the Hospital as masseurs, cooks, &c., say, 10 rank and file.

Also accommodation for increase of personnel for training in nursing and other duties, as this is a first grade Hospital (Training Hospital), and an increase in the corps personnel will allow of a larger number of recruits being trained here than is at present possible, say, 20 privates.

† When these stations become reception stations, the staff required for each will be—1 N.C.O. (married) and 3 rank and file (1 married). The N.C.O. at Windsor will be a senior N.C.O.

Subject.

552. Gibraltar, temporary hospital (hut) to provide for small-pox cases.
Gibraltar 7/5.

553. Machine, mincing, small, proposed new pattern.

57/London/2989.

4th January 1906.

Decision.

It was noted that provision was being made for the erection of two 8-bedded huts, one containing two beds for officers and six for men, the other four for women and four for children, and that the estimated cost, 1,900*l.*, would be shared equally with the Admiralty.

The proposal to substitute the "Enterprise" pattern machine for that now in use was approved—this decision to govern future supplies only.

Confirmed.

E. C. PERRY,
Chairman.

PROGRESS REPORT.

Subject.

Herbert Hospital, special equipment allowance.

Aldershot, provision of accommodation for Night Nursing Orderlies, R.A.M.C. barracks.

Hospital bedsteads, Mark III. pattern.

Advisory Board Inspections, England, 1905, 4th series.

Windsor, Combermere Barracks, reappropriation for Nursing Duty Room for sick ward for women and children.

Millbank Hospital, supply of hand-cart for infected linen.

Cloths, cleaning and distinctive (special pattern), supply of, to all hospitals.

Millbank Hospital, supply of extra screens.

Progress.

Minute 542(6). The sum of 24*l.* incurred in 1904-5, but not paid till 1905-6, will be charged to the grant for the latter year. 57/Woolwich/2664.

Minute 525 Army Council do not consider further action necessary. Civil Member remarks:—"I am afraid this is a glaring example of the difficulties underlying a system in which Construction and Maintenance are in different hands."
Aldershot 16/3168. 11/05.

Minute 539. Decision notified to G.O.C.'s 57/Gen. No./6264. Q.M.G. 1, 4/12/05.

Construction Items extracted by D.B.C. to separate papers. 4800/7/2885.

Minute 541(5). K. 1318 approved by Q.M.G. 1. London 16/2877.

Minute 534. Decision notified to G.O.C. 57/London/2976. Q.M.G. 9a, 29/11/05.

Minute 511. Provision of 50 per cent. of approved scale arranged. Cost, 96*l.* chargeable to Item 13, New Services, 1905-6. 57/Gen. No./6162. 12/05.

Minute 542(5). Decision notified to G.O.C., 8/12/05. 57/London/3010. Q.M.G. 1.

ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FORTY-EIGHTH MEETING—4TH JANUARY 1906.

(MINUTES NOS. 554 TO 559.)

AGENDA :

1. Blankets for use in Hospitals, Scale of Issue.
2. Fermoy, Families' Hospital, Proposed Issue of Linoleum for two wards.
3. Shoburness Families' Hospital, Demand for Equipment.
4. B.A.E. 1906-7, Statement of Hospital Services, North China.
5. B.A.E. 1905-6, Maintenance Services.
6. Millbank, Provision of Gas for Steriliser near Operation Room, &c.

PRESENT :

Sir COOPER PERRY, M.D., *Chairman*.

Surgeon-General W. J. FAWCETT, C.B., D.D.G., A.M.S.

Lieut.-Colonel E. A. MOULTON-BARRETT, C.M.G., A.D.E.O.S.

Lieut.-Colonel A. M. DAVIES, R.A.M.C.

Major T. McCULLOCH, M.B., D.A.D.G., A.M.S.

Mr. E. T. GANN, *Secretary*.

Lieut.-Colonel RUSSELL was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed.

Subjects.

554. Blankets for use in Hospitals, proposed increase of scale to 325 per cent.
53/London/15 and 57/Dublin/6151.

555. Fermoy, Families' Hospital, proposed Issue of Linoleum for two Wards.
57/Fermoy/567.

556. Shoburness, Families' Hospital, Demand for Equipment.
57/Chatham/5484.

557. B.A.E. 1906-7, Statement of Hospital Services, North China.
Hong Kong 7/4.

558. B.A.E. 05/06. Proposed Transfer of £1,000 from the Reserve for Hospitals, Part III., to Barracks.

Gen. No. 2/62.

Decisions.

From a return furnished by Q.M.G.F. (B) it appeared that this proposal would entail an initial expenditure of 2,853*l.*, and an annual charge of 951*l.* for upkeep, and 118*l.* for washing. It was, however, urged by D.D.G., A.M.S. that Hospitals are already in possession of the higher percentage proposed, and that the estimate is consequently misleading.

It was agreed, therefore, that, before further considering the matter, a return of the blankets actually on charge or on loan in the Hospitals should be obtained.

Approved; supply to be made after 1/4/06.

G.O.C. to be asked to submit a demand in accordance with the 1904 schedules, including the special schedule for Families' Hospitals.

It was noted that the Q.M.G. had desired that the proposed provision of additional accommodation in North China should remain in abeyance in view of the possibility for the garrison being reduced.

The Committee concurred in the proposed transfer, subject to the condition that D.B.C. is satisfied that the money will not be required for Hospitals.

Subjects.

559. Millbank, Sundry Improvements.

4801/7/926.

(Previous Minute 442.)

Operation Room—Steriliser for Dressings.

Instrument Steriliser supplied, but no Gas for Heating.

Waste for Sink.

Ventilation.

Annexes—Glazed Door for.

Conoid Sluices.

Cupboards for Poisons.

Ward Annexes—Scrubbing Board for. Water Taps, Hot and Cold.

Decisions.

The D.D.G., A.M.S. brought forward a Minute by the Nursing Board in which it was stated that these services, though approved by the Army Hospitals Committee at its 38th meeting, had not been executed.

It was pointed out that great difficulty had arisen as regards the provision of funds, and agreed that the grave objections attaching to the present practice of sterilising dressings in the clinical laboratory for want of the necessary gas in the rooms adjoining the operation room should be brought to notice. The Committee considered that steps should at once be taken to enable the sterilising to be done in the immediate vicinity of the Operation Room.

Confirmed.

E. C. PERRY,

Chairman.

1st February 1906.

PROGRESS REPORT.

Subjects.

Hounslow, Temporary Conversion of the Hospital Laundry into a Signalling, Pioneer, and Musketry Store.

Ceylon, Hospital Accommodation at Ostenburg.

Equipment for Nursing Sisters' Quarters.

Hospital Beds, Home Stations, Reduction in Number.

Minutes of 45th Meeting.

Officers' Wards, Equipment of.

Progress.

Minute 541(6). Decision notified to the G.O.C. in C. 19/12/05. Eastern 16/70. Q.M.G.1.

G.O.C. informed that the new Hospital for European troops is not now necessary, owing to the abandonment of Trincomali. Ceylon 7/11, D.B.C., 19th December 1905.

All demands up to date, including South Africa, have been approved for supply. 57/Gen. No./6832. Q.M.G.9a, 21/12/05.

Minute 542(10). Decision notified to G.O's.C. 8/12/05, 57/Gen. No./6708, Q.M.G.1.

Seen by the Army Council, 27/12/05.

Cost of additional articles required to complete as per new scale, about 900l. 57/Gen. No./5353 and /6831.

ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FORTY-NINTH MEETING—1ST FEBRUARY 1906.

(MINUTES 560 to 569.)

AGENDA.

1. Overalls for Female Nurses in Isolation Hospitals—Supply of.
2. Steam Sterilisers, Fletcher's Pattern.
3. Colchester, Nursing Sisters' Quarters—Supply of Gas for cooking and heating purposes.
4. Millbank Hospital—Gowns and Stockings for use in Operation Room.
5. Malta—Extension of the Lease of Forrest Hospital.
6. Limerick—Reappropriation of Ward as Nursing Duty Room.
7. Bulford Hospital—Provision of Baths for Venereal Patients.
8. Malta—Provision of a second Disinfecter.
9. Bordon and Longmoor—Provision of a Motor Ambulance.
10. Netley—Reappropriations for Quarter-Master's Office and Stores for Meat, &c.

PRESENT :

Sir COOPER PERRY, M.D., *Chairman.*

Sir FREDERICK TREVES, Bart., G.C.V.O., C.B.

Surgeon-General W. J. FAWCETT, C.B., D.D.G., A.M.S.

Lieut.-Colonel E. A. MOULTON-BARRETT, C.M.G., A.D.E.O.S.

Lieut.-Colonel A. M. DAVIES, R.A.M.C.

Major T. McCULLOCH, M.B., D.A.D.G., A.M.S.

Mr. E. T. GANN, *Secretary.*

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed.

Subjects.

560. Overalls for Female Nurses in Isolation Hospitals—Supply of.
A.C.D./Hospitals/2720.

561. Steam Sterilisers, Fletcher's Pattern.
Contracts Firms/F/175.

562. Colchester Nursing Sisters' Quarters—Supply of Gas for cooking and heating purposes.
Eastern 7/12.

Decisions.

Consideration deferred for reply to letter from D. of S. and C. asking G.O.C. to forward particulars of the pattern proposed, and to state the cost at which the articles could be provided locally.

Referred to Lieut.-Colonel Davies and Major McCulloch for report as to the suitability of the pattern for W.D. work.

It was considered that the question of the supply of gas did not come within the reference to the Committee, but that, if supply is approved, D.B.C. should at once proceed to fix the necessary apparatus.

Subjects.

563. Millbank—Gowns and Stockings for use in Operation Room.
57/London/3023.

564. Malta—Extension of the Lease of Forrest Hospital.
Malta 7/1.

565. Limerick—Reappropriation of a Ward as Nursing Duty Room.
Irish 16/53.

566. Bulford Hospital—Provision of Baths for Venereal Patients.
Salisbury 7/20.

567. Malta—Provision of a second Disinfecter.
Malta 7/3.

568. Bordon and Longmoor—Provision of a Motor Ambulance.
57/Aldershot/7330.

569. Netley — Reappropriations for Quarter-Master's Office, Stores for Meat, &c.
Southern 16/63.

20th March 1906.

Decisions.

Consideration was deferred for inquiry to be made as to the reasons why a special pattern gown is considered desirable for use in operations, the Service pattern being available.

The proposed extension of this lease to 31.3.1909, under the terms and conditions now existing, was approved.

This reappropriation of a ward of three beds as a Duty Room for the nursing sisters (approved by Q.M.G. 1) was noted.

To be referred to D.B.C. to prepare the necessary plans, and report.

The early provision of a Velox disinfecter, at an estimated cost as under, was approved:—

	£
Disinfecter - - -	200
Fixing - - -	10
Temporary building - -	140

To be erected at the Forrest Hospital, size 7' 6" x 4' 3".

The provision of a second horse ambulance was strongly recommended.

The reappropriation of a portion of the animal yard for this service was approved.

Confirmed,

E. C. PERRY,

Chairman.

PROGRESS REPORT.

Subjects.

Minutes of the 43th Meeting.

Hospital Bedsteads.

Gibraltar (South)—Minor Hospital Improvements.

Hilsea Hospital—Provision of larger Hot-water Boiler.

Estimates for Transport, 1906-7.

Fermoy Families' Hospital—Linoleum for two Wards.

Minutes of 47th Meeting.

Progress.

Seen by the Army Council, 5th January 1906.

To be delivered unpainted; painting and enamelling to be done in store. 57/Salisbury/448.

Minute 519. 12L. allotted, chargeable to Gen. Item (Hospital), 1905-6. Gibraltar 7/3, D.F.W. Hospitals, 1/11/05.

Minute 546. Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. Southern 7/19, D.B.C., 9/1/06.

Of 2,000L. proposed by the Army Hospitals Committee for provision of ambulances, 1,000L. (for a motor ambulance) has been included in the Mechanical Transport Estimates. The balance of 1,000L. for other transport has been placed on the postponed list. 10/337. 12/05.

Minute 555. Decision notified to G.O.C. in C. 57/Fermoy/567. Q.M.G. 9a. 12/1/06.

Seen by the Army Council, 22nd January 1906.

ARMY HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

FIFTIETH MEETING—15TH FEBRUARY 1906.

(MINUTES 570 TO 581.)

AGENDA :

1. Aldershot, Connaught Hospital—Provision of a Fence to enclose the Huts.
 2. Winchester—Proposed reappropriation of Cells as a Building for Isolation Purposes.
 3. Reading Hospital—Reappropriation of Waiting Room as an Office.
 4. York Hospital—Accommodation required for Q.A.I.M.N.S., R.A.M.C., &c.
 5. Machines, Hand-carding—Proposed supply and distribution of.
 6. Aldershot, Louise Margaret Hospital—Equipment of Wards and Nursing Quarters.
 7. Consumption of Water in Military Hospitals—Proposed Scale.
 8. Malta—Allotment of Funds for Fittings for Hired Quarters for additional Nursing Sisters.
 9. Rochester Row—Plans for conversion to a Venereal Hospital.
 10. Portsmouth, Reception Station—Amended Plans.
 11. Portsmouth, Alexandra Hospital, Nursing Home—Amended Plan.
 12. Aldershot Isolation Hospital—Supply of Overalls for Female Nurses.
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PRESENT :

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Major C. H. MELVILLE, M.B., R.A.M.C.

Major T. McCULLOCH, M.B., R.A.M.C.

Mr. E. T. GANN, *Secretary.*

The Director of Barrack Construction was in attendance.

Subjects.

570. Aldershot, Connaught Hospital—Provision of a Fence to Enclose the Huts.
Aldershot 7/4.

571. Winchester—Proposed Reappropriation of Cells as a Building for Isolation Purposes.
Southern 16/102.

572. Reading Hospital — Reappropriation of Waiting Room as an Office.
Southern 16/103.

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Decisions.

Approved : estimated cost, 420l.

Not approved. It was considered that the Infectious Ward of the disused Hospital is sufficient to meet all requirements for observation purposes. Infectious cases, when diagnosed as such, are sent to the local Civil Infectious Hospital.

Approved, subject to the condition that the office furniture now in the Dispensary should be used for the equipment of the new office.

Subjects.

573. York Hospital—Accommodation required for Q.A.I.M.N.S., R.A.M.C., &c.
Northern 7/7.

574. Machines, Hand-carding—Proposed supply and distribution of.
57/Gen. No./5219.

575. Aldershot, Louise Margaret Hospital—Equipment of Wards and Nursing Quarters.
57/Aldershot/7336.

576. Consumption of Water in Military Hospitals—Proposed scale.
Southern 7/3.

577. Malta—Allotment of Funds for Fittings for Hired Quarters for additional Nursing Sisters.
Malta 16/2589.

578. Rochester Row—Plans for conversion to a Venereal Hospital.
London 7/41.

579. Portsmouth Reception Station—Amended Plans.
Portsmouth 24/707.

580. Portsmouth Alexandra Hospital, Nursing Home—Amended Plans.
Portsmouth 7/192.

581. Aldershot, Isolation Hospital—Supply of Overalls for Female Nurses.
A.C.D./Hospitals/2720.

20th March 1906.

PROGRESS REPORT.

Subjects.

Jar for Nail Brush.

Cloths, Distinctive, &c., and Dusters.

Mount Aureol Hospital—Hut for Officers' Ward.

Mincing Machines for use in Hospitals, "Enterprize" Pattern.

Netley, Lunatic and Royal Victoria Hospitals—Reappropriations for Day Room, Stores, &c.

Hong Kong, Bowen Road Hospital—General Scheme.

Decisions.

It was agreed to ask A.M.D.1 to give the numbers of the Night Nursing Orderlies Staff, and the Matron in Chief to state whether any rooms should be provided for the accommodation of special Nurses employed in cases of pressure.

Deferred. Lieut.-Colonel Moulton-Barrett stated that he was making further inquiries with a view to a comparison of the cost of remaking the beds by the Gauntlett machine and under the existing contracts.

Referred to the Equipment Sub-Committee.

The attached summary, marked "A," of replies received from Civil Hospitals regarding the daily consumption of water was considered, and it was agreed that the scale for Military Hospitals should provide for a minimum of 50 gallons per head.

It was noted that G.O.C. had taken a house for the accommodation of nine sisters at a rent of 164*l.* per annum on a three years' lease, and that 35*l.* had been authorised for fittings.

Plan M.H. 71 was approved, as amended, with the exception of the itch block, which should be redrawn to give four instead of two beds.

Plan M.H. 73 was approved as amended.

Plans M.H. 66 to 68 were approved.

Approved. Estimated first cost 2*l.*, annual upkeep 1*l.*

Confirmed,

E. C. PERRY,
Chairman.

Progress.

Pattern sealed and provision arranged. 57/24/6099. December 1905.

Patterns sealed. 57/Gen. No./6162. December 1905.

Minute 505 (4). 540*l.* excess required for completion allotted from Barrack Loan Funds, no Hospital Loan Funds being available. Adjustment to be made by a deduction from the amount shown in the M.W.L. programme as available for hospitals (Minute 390/3). West Africa, 24/11/7. F.W. 3, 31/1/06.

Minute 553. Noted in list of changes. 57/London/2989. 3/1/06.

Minute 569. Re-appropriations approved by Q.M.G. 1. 5/2/06. Southern 16/63.

Additional funds from M.W.L., making a total of 60,000*l.*, authorised on Hong Kong, 24/38/23, to cover cost of services now in hand. Hong Kong, 24/27/55. February 1906.

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SUMMARY of REPLIES received from CIVIL HOSPITALS regarding the DAILY CONSUMPTION of WATER.

Name of Institution.	Amount of Water used per Patient per Day.	Remarks.
London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.	300 gallons -	With laundry, 400 gallons. This includes all water used by Nurses, Officials, Resident Doctors, and Porters.
Royal Infirmary, Glasgow	117 gallons -	This includes the water used by the Hospital Staff, which averages 290 in number.
Western Infirmary, Glasgow	105 gallons -	Includes the water used by the Hospital Staff, 261 in number.
Middlesex Hospital, W.	No record -	No meters employed.
Bristol Royal Infirmary	- -	Letter simply acknowledged; no information.
Sunderland Infirmary	42 gallons -	For all purposes.
St. Thomas's Hospital, S.E.	157 gallons -	Includes staff and others (340 in number), four Operating Theatres, &c. Consumption of water stated to be very large.
Guy's Hospital, S.E.	51·8 gallons -	Per total mean number of beds in daily occupation.
" "	46·5 gallons -	Per total number of beds.
Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford	60 to 70 gallons -	None.
University College Hospital	86 gallons -	Includes staff, hydraulic lift, and laundry.
Royal Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne	68 gallons -	None.
Westminster Hospital, Broad Sanctuary, S.W.	52 gallons -	None.
St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, W.	50 gallons -	None.
House of Industry, Government Hospitals, Dublin.	63 gallons -	Exclusive of water used for boiler for heating and power purposes, but inclusive of laundry, baths, flushing, &c.
General Hospital, Birmingham	50 gallons (about) -	Obtained from an artesian well. No careful record kept.
Charing Cross Hospital	18 gallons. -	
Royal Infirmary, Liverpool	- -	Regret no information is available.
General Infirmary, Leeds	136 gallons -	Includes steam laundry, heating, 6 hydraulic hoists, 3 steam boilers, 2 hot-water boilers, &c.
St. Mary's Hospital, W.	76 gallons -	For all purposes.
Royal Infirmary, Manchester	40 gallons -	This is a Medical School, and a large number of students are there daily.
St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.	34 gallons -	None.

